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Secrecy Curtain Thrown Over Marshall Plan Talks

Paris, June 27.

The Foreign Ministers' Conference on the Marshall plan, meeting here today, decided to throw a secrecy curtain over its entire proceedings. Immediately after the session at the Quai d'Orsay opened, the Ministers agreed that all meetings would be held in the strictest secrecy and that no news of what went on would be divulged to the press.

A press conference called by the French Foreign Office for 7 p.m. was at once cancelled and correspondents were informed there would be no news disclosed of what happened today.

According to reports circulating here, the secrecy decision was taken up on the proposal of the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who at meetings of the Foreign Ministers Council had argued in favour of saying nothing while negotiations were in progress.

The secrecy which surrounded the first meetings of the Foreign Ministers Council was broken at the Paris conference in April 1946 on the insistence of Mr. James Byrnes, then U.S. Secretary of State. United Press.

SWORN TO SECRECY

Paris, June 27.

The Big-Three Foreign Ministers ended the first session of their talks on the Marshall aid to Europe plan at 8 p.m. tonight. They had been meeting behind closed doors at the French Foreign Office for four hours. It was officially announced that they will meet again tomorrow at 4 p.m.

The chief economic expert of the British Foreign Office, Sir Edmund Hall-Patch, who left the Big-Three Conference room at that hour, told newspapermen that "I am sworn to secrecy. I can tell you nothing."

When asked if he was pessimistic or optimistic, Sir Edmund replied: "I am always optimistic. The Russian delegation, headed by M. Molotov, left the conference room

five minutes after the session ended. As the party, numbering nine, left the building, none of them was smiling. They walked down the main passage of the Foreign Office in a solid body looking neither to left nor right. They entered their cars and drove off, headed by M. Molotov's car which was flying the Red Flag.

"CAN'T TELL YOU A THING"

Mr. Bevin, the British Foreign Minister, left 10 minutes later. As he posed at the foot of the steps leading into the Foreign Office, a reporter asked him if it were true that he would hold a press conference on Sunday. He replied: "My, what an imagination you've got. I'm sorry, but I cannot tell you a thing."

Earlier in the evening, orders were sent out from the closed conference room that a buffet supper was to be prepared for the Foreign Ministers. It was understood that they would resume their talks after they had eaten.

Although the Ministers have decided to cloak their talks in secrecy, it was learned from a reliable source that M. Bidault was expected to insist that all European countries, whether Allied, neutral or former enemies, should be included in the plan, with one exception—Spain.

M. Bidault was expected to impress upon his two colleagues the necessity for acting quickly, so that the Big Three would be in a position to report on the needs and resources of Europe by September.

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This London explosion was felt for half a mile around



H.K. Trade Mission Going To N.E.I. Malaya And Siam

Hongkong's textile industry will send a trade mission to the Dutch East Indies, British Malaya, and Siam in late July or early August, representatives told the Telegraph today.

HOUSES FALL IN

8 Injured So Far Dug Out Of Ruins

At least eight persons were injured, and others were believed dead, early today in the collapse of two flimsy residential buildings on Ng Fuk Lane, near Eastern St., West Point.

Rescue and excavation work is continuing by the fire brigade, which was called to the scene at 6.55 a.m. Chief Officer W. McNeil Smith is directing operations by 15 firemen from the Central and Eastern brigades.

Injured were five men, a woman, and two children. Four were taken to Queen Mary hospital, and the others were treated and discharged. Three ambulances, two from Eastern and one from Central, were used.

The buildings were two-story wood and bamboo structures, and the collapse was thought due to neglect and weakening of under-structures by looting and recent rains. The Colony has been averaging three collapses of buildings a week recently.

The injured taken to Queen Mary hospital were:

Lau King Kwai, 14-year-old girl; Chan Pui, 45, male; Chan Mak Lau, 10-year-old girl; and Lau Chung Kwai, 22, male.

Others who had been removed from the wreckage and treated up to 9 a.m. were Lau Sun, 42, male; Leung Fook, 22, female; Chan Chut, 34, male; and Ngan Kan, 40, male.

The buildings covered a 40 by 20-foot area, fire officials said.

STILL CANNOT AGREE

Paris, June 27.

The French Cabinet, at an extraordinary meeting this evening, failed to agree on the terms of settlement of the strikes now in progress, including coalmines and banks.

Another emergency meeting of the Cabinet is to take place later tonight.

The Vice Prime Minister, M. Pierre Henri Teitgen, told the press: "We are now faced with a wave of increased-pay demands amounting to claims for a general increase of wages. The situation in France does not permit a general increase in wages, except at the price of inflation and bankruptcy. If the Government gives way to this pressure, she will suffer the same fate as Hungary."—Reuter.

When two 50-ton barges loaded with chemicals blew up at Orchard Wharf, Poplar, a week ago, it was first thought that an old German parachute mine had exploded. Said a driver who was backing his lorry up to one of the barges: "There was a burst of flame and a shattering bang. I found myself on my back yards away." The concussion was felt over half-mile radius.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

Sensational Inquest

Southport, June 28.

A coroner's jury, concluding Britain's most sensational inquest in years, returned a verdict on Friday that Dr Robert Clements, who died by his own hand, had murdered his fourth wife Amy with poison.

The case, involving also the death of Dr James Houston, pathologist, 38, reached national prominence when the wife's funeral was stopped, an autopsy ordered and detectives learned that all of Dr Clements' three former wives also had died.

The coroner instructed the jury that "you are not to inquire whether Dr Clements destroyed the lives of his three previous wives."

The jury found that Dr Houston, who had reported that Mrs Clements' death was due to natural causes, committed suicide while "the balance of his mind was disturbed." He left a note before taking poison expressing regret over errors of judgment.

MAN-ABOUT-TOWN

Medical witnesses testified that the 67-year-old Dr Clements was a churchgoer and man-about-town, and his wife, 20 years his junior, died of morphine poisoning a few days after Dr Clements bought large quantities of morphine sulphate from two separate chemists.

Referring to Mrs Clements' death, the coroner told the jury that "it passes out of the category of natural causes" and concerning the possibility of accidental death, he said, "it is because the evidence of accidents throughout the proceeding is so absent that I find it difficult to enlarge on it or to enlighten you further by reviewing the evidence."

Dr Clements' fourth wife, daughter of a Liverpool businessman who bequeathed her a small fortune, was reported by a friend of the family to have said last autumn, "I have a premonition that I am going to die."—Associated Press.

Fatal Plane Crash

Paris, June 27.

The pilot and two passengers were killed when a French commercial plane crashed today at Saint Felix, near Rodez, in southwest France.

The dead passengers were a French engineer and his 12-year-old daughter. His 10-year-old son was taken to hospital with serious injuries.—Reuter.

AMERICAN RIFLE AMMUNITION FOR CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S TROOPS

Washington, June 28.

The United States agreed today to sell China 130,000,000 rounds of surplus rifle ammunition for Chiang Kai-shek's troops.

State Department officials told reporters that the Nanking government also has been authorized to purchase other military supplies from American private manufacturers.

At the same time the Export and Import Bank announced it will consider lending money to China for specific projects.

William Martin, bank chairman said that although the \$500,000,000 earmarked for China will expire on June 30, the new promise of aid will permit borrowing either by government agencies or private enterprises for specific projects.

Inability of China to settle its internal troubles and the resulting civil war were reported largely responsible for its failure to obtain loans out of the earmarked fund.

The rifle ammunition promised to China is a special 7.92 size made to fit the German designed "Generalissimo" rifle used by the Nanking armies.

It was manufactured, for China under the lend lease arrangement during the war.

Some was shipped to India but only a small quantity got over the Himalayan hump before VJ Day. Arrangements for the sale are being made through the Foreign Liquidation Commission's office.

The United States also agreed to let the Chinese government buy any planes or other military supplies it can from American firms.

China is to pay US\$550,000 for the ammunition—10 percent of what it costs—plus transportation.

EDITORIAL

Road Accidents Report

THE frank and revealing traffic police report issued this week is one of the best signs to date of Government's more progressive attitude to publicity. It is not particularly pleasing to read that road accidents are on the increase, but the willingness of the traffic department to enlighten the public fully on current statistics is a refreshing change. Monthly progress reports from other departments should also be released to the press for general information. The May traffic accident report is a document which affords small reason for satisfaction: less for complacency. There is nothing in the figures to indicate that drivers are becoming any more careful, or that pedestrians are any more road-conscious and ready to "co-operate." The suggestion that the increased number of accidents (277 for May against 255 in April for the Island, and 133 compared with 122 in Kowloon) is largely attributable to "damage only" types of road mishaps may

intend to be disarming, but cannot hide the fact that only good fortune did those accidents come into the "not serious" category. The figures, as well as the reason for them, are disturbing and a urgency to the necessity of reform and the establishment of an independent executive authority to introduce radically new methods for dealing with the problem. It is significant that what the police describe as "blatant spots" include section of Nathan Road supposedly controlled by 20 mph speed limit. In practice this restriction is cheerfully ignored by far too many drivers who choose to career through area at between 40 and 60 mph. The traffic department might try to introduce a few prosecutions with a thumping heavy fines and enforcement of licences are more likely to curb irresponsible motorists' exhortations, admonitions or signs.

RAIN RESTRICTS WIMBLEDON PLAY

Petra, Geoff Brown & Tom Brown In Last

Wimbledon, London, June 27.

Tom Brown, seeded Californian player, today made a spectacular comeback to defeat bespectacled Colin Long, of Australia, in what at first appeared likely to be a major upset in the Wimbledon tennis championships.

Terrestrial rains soaked the courts and spectators, but thousands jammed the gallery to see the American win 3-6, 13-11, 3-6, 6-1, 6-0.

Long, who had reached the fourth round without losing a set, seemed sure of having the distinction of taking the scalp of the first seeded player of the tournament, but Brown proved too strong in the final games.

The turning point in the match—which ran for 55 games—came during the 20th game of the second set. Long had broken through Brown's service to lead 10-0, but lost his chance when he failed with his own delivery. Brown took advantage of the opportunity and took the gruelling set at 13-11.

Long failed to take the third set, but his strength was ebbing and the Californian breezed through the last two sets against the Australian, who became almost listless.

FRENCHMAN BEATEN

Geoff Brown, of Australia, had little difficulty in defeating the French Davis Cup player, Pierre Pelizzari, in another important match. The Australian played at a great pace with plenty of power and confidence to reach the last eight as he won 6-3, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

This means that his next opponent will be the winner of the match between the top American player, Jack Kramer, and the lucky Swedish, Torsten Johansson, which is to be played tomorrow.

Tom Brown meets the title holder, Yvon Petra, of France, in what looks like being the toughest battle of the fifth round.

Petra in today's third and last men's singles encounter ran quickly through the first two sets against the young New Zealander, Jack Ruscomb, but Robson rallied to take the third set before losing 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

A rain storm caused a delay of nearly two hours before play could begin this afternoon, but the women's singles scheduled for today were finally played according to plan.

3 CRICKET MATCHES ABANDONED

London, June 27.

The county cricket championship games were badly interrupted by a storm. In several games had to be abandoned as draws.

The most unfortunate county was Lancashire, who was fighting hard to take the lead of the county championship.

The results of games ended today were:

At Barwell: Leicestershire beat Worcestershire by 42 runs. Leicestershire 100 and 171. Worcestershire 245 and 80 (Walsh six for 18, Jackson four for 32).

At Bath: Somerset drew with Cambridge University. Match was abandoned with no play today. Cambridge 103 and 330. Somerset 145.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire drew with Surrey. Northamptonshire 240 and 220. Surrey 242 and 90 for one.

At Newport: Glamorgan beat Kent by an innings and 55 runs. Glamorgan 427 for eight declared. Kent 185 and 189 (Ames 69, Watt-Jones seven for 92).

At Blackpool: Lancashire drew with Warwickshire. Match abandoned. Lancs 371. Warwickshire 120 and 147 for eight.

At Colchester: Essex drew with Hampshire. Essex 282 and 183 for eight (Dadds 54). Hampshire 392.

Reuter.

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BODY FOUND

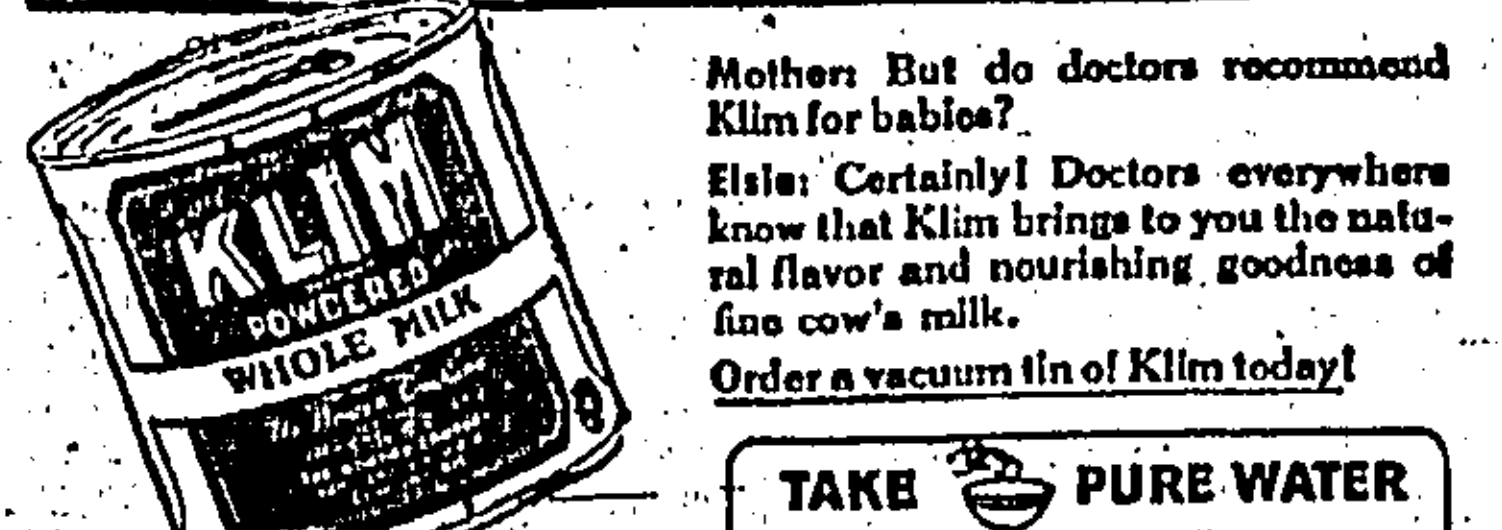
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'My heart belongs to...'

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GIRL.drawn
by
ROBB

FILM star Mary Martin—famous for her personified singing of "My Heart Belongs to Daddy"—has a daughter known to the family as La Belle. Her real name, invented by her parents to look good in theatre lights, is Heller Halliday.

La Belle is four and a half—one of the best dressed under-fives in America.

The main difference about the way little girls dress in America is that their clothes are styled exactly like a grown-up's. Nearly all La Belle's clothes might have been de-

signed for her mother... these two even wear the same hat style craped on top into a bunch of curls.

ROBB'S drawings show you four outfits picked from her wardrobe and chosen because they look new, and aren't beyond copying.

Reading from left to right: PINAFORE FROCK in white cotton with navy spots combined with plain apple green linen. She wears it in summer, she says, "with her skin sticking out"; in winter over a plain wool frock. The frilled shoulder straps and hem give it that typically American look.

SLEEPING SUIT in soft pink wool covers her right up to the neck, down to the wrists and over

the feet. She wears the same thing in cotton for summer, with short sleeves and pyjama legs.

ANOTHER PINAFORE FROCK, made for her by her mother, is in sugar pink cotton, the frills in white eyelet embroidery. The bonnet is simply a flat curved strip. She has another one in grey with white edging, wears them both over a frilly white blouse.

SCOTTISH PLAID OUTFIT has a pleated skirt with braces and a buttoned jacket. She wears it with a small size cashmere sweater with a plain round neck and a plaid Glenargy.

Anne Edwards.



For the beach, white short shorts and box coat whose lining matches the toffee-coloured skirt topped with a huge Mexican hat.

Nonsense, Sir!

WOMEN," wrote G. K. Chesterton. "are news."

What a woman does, or doesn't do, he went on to say, or does that she didn't ought to, becomes a headline or topic of discussion when in the case of a man the same action would arouse no interest at all.

And Virginia Woolf, browsing in the British Museum catalogue, came across long lists of books headed "Women and..." something or other—the great majority written by men.

Indeed, it might be suggested that one reason for this emphasis on women was that for a very long time books and newspapers were written by men and—until less than 50 years ago—written for men. Men felt a curiosity-interest about the habits and shortcomings of women which they did not feel about their own.

As more women have come forward as journalists and administrators, the production of this type of literature has been decreasing; and this book of Mr. Richard Curle (Women: An Analytical Study, Watts, 10/6) on Women has a sweet, old-world flavour about its title, a flavour which is only enhanced by some of its observations. For example, of a woman who has failed to get married, "In her religion, her good works, her garden, her music, her sketching, her dogs, she can fill the flying days." What a picture that conjures up of the well-to-do county lady of Edwardian days, and how little relation it bears to the present time.

Mr. Curle, the wrapper tells me, has been writing this book for a long time; this sentence must be one of those he wrote in his adolescence and forgot to cut out.

He might with advantage have cut out a great deal more. For though it could be amusing, and interesting to read, as a change from literature which takes sex equally more or less for granted, a crisp and succinct statement of the view that women are incomplete and inferior beings, Mr. Curle is, alas! neither crisp nor succinct.

He could have begun, for example, by cutting out the remarks about women which are equally applicable to persons of either sex, such as "Women can feel wholly married to a man to whom they are frequently unfaithful." What a woman craves in her lover is for him to understand and appreciate in her something that

no one else has ever understood or appreciated. "Nothing is more infuriating to a woman than to discover herself in the wrong," "Women do not like to be treated as nonentities—who does?"

I have given four instances—I could have given a dozen.

SECONDLY, he could have removed a collection of the most well-worn quotations I have ever seen gathered together—yes, including "men must work and women must weep," and "the female of the species is more deadly than the male."

MARGARET COLE reviews a man's book about women

Thirdly, he could have eliminated some staggering misstatements like "Women do not fall in love with beauty" (who said Valentine?), "A man and a woman could spend a winter together in the Arctic night and grow only fonder, whereas two men would begin to hate one another," "A woman without a man is like a watch without a mainspring," "A woman of means, who may be of high intelligence, will learn to date her letters precisely," and some observations which seem to my inferior intelligence to be simply meaningless. Samples of these are:

"The immemorial is knocking on Woman's brain"—this, according to Mr. Curle, is why women tell lies.

"Women are men's eternally unscalable Mount Everest"—in a chapter on Modesty.

"Women are mysteries, finally, to themselves."

"The Woman Question is basically a dumb process which coils into all sorts of bypaths and dark alleys." (!)

THERE is nothing in the book about women's place in society, our own or others; nothing, really, about marriage, nothing about children or women's work; nothing about the hard facts—low salaries and no endowments—which make women's clubs and colleges less comfortable and well-fed places than men's clubs and colleges; nothing, but endless meandering about the effects on Mr. Curle's mind of the one or two types of women

THE BRIDE LOOKS AHEAD



Her June dress is made to last

by PATRICIA LENNARD

JUNE brides and summer brides would do well to think twice before choosing their wedding gowns. Recent shows have emphasised that these days a wedding dress is no longer a garment to be put away between sheets of tissue paper and sprigs of lavender. In fact, more care is taken in selecting a design for use after the wedding than for a design for the ceremony itself.

Wanda has sketched two versatile wedding outfits for the younger and older bride.

The young bride on the left wears a crinoline gown with a long-sleeved bolero top. It is made of the new silky-textured cotton, with the crisp appearance of a silk poplin.

The hemline and tiny bolero are bordered and stiffened with applique white Swiss cotton broderie flowers, which you can now buy by the yard from about 6s. 6d. These flowers are also applied to the edge of the tulle veil, worn in a simple framing style.

The smaller figure on the left is wearing the frock after its transformation with the help of a needle and thread, and a dip in pale blue dye.

After dyeing, the bolero top is taken off to show a strapless bodice appliqued with flowers. The hemline is turned up several inches, and the frock is now an up-to-date version of the youthful, ballet-length evening dress.

The bolero can be worn with the dress, or used separately as a pretty bed jacket, with long train attached, parts in front to show the slim skirt underneath.

Afterwards the tunic, with train attached, can be removed to reveal a halter-necked, figure-hugging dress which, dyed black, makes a lovely classic evening dress.

Over this the smaller figure, right, wears the tunic, now a pale champagne colour and shorn of its train. It makes an excellent evening coat with its flaring peplum, dipping at the back over the light evening skirt.

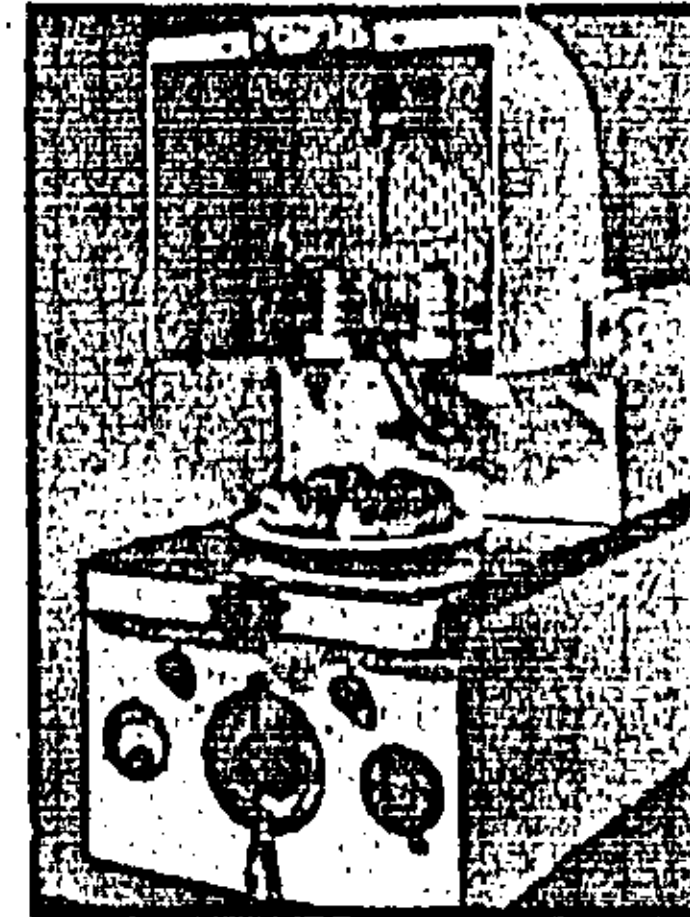
The train is earmarked for a blouse or lingerie or an extra bolero for the evening dress.

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The cost at present is high—about £170 each—but the current consumption is less than a quarter of that of an ordinary electric cooker.

A Scots baker has one in use. It bakes bread evenly in a few seconds. Pastry and cakes "rise" to perfection without any worrying on the part of the cook.

But it will not cook a joint because the fat would be burned dry in a few seconds.

VEGETABLE COURSES

By GEORGIE RODGERS

(Principal of the Good Housekeeping School of Cookery)

VEGETABLES are no longer served as accompaniments only, but can be made up into substantial dishes as a main course.

With young, new vegetables the simpler ways of serving are the best if the full flavour is to be retained, and salads are at their best at this time of the year when lettuces are crisp.

Green peas au naturel

SHELL the peas and put into a saucepan with one or two lettuce leaves at the bottom. Just cover with boiling water and add ½ teaspoonful sugar. Cook with a lid on for 10-15 minutes. Drain and add ½ teaspoonful salt and a knob of margarine and serve at once.

Glazed carrots and peas

1lb. young carrots, 1lb. fresh peas, ½ pint stock or water, ½ ounce margarine, ½ ounce sugar, seasoning.

SCRAPE the carrots and slice into rounds. Cook these in the stock for 10 minutes, over a very low heat. Cook the peas as above.

Heat the margarine and add the peas and carrots, seasoning and sugar and cook for three minutes. Stir occasionally to prevent the sugar burning. Garnish with mint or parsley.

Asparagus

1 bundle asparagus, salt, sugar, melted butter or margarine.

CUT the asparagus stalks even in length and scrape the scales from the white end carefully without breaking the stalk. Tie into bunches of 10-12 stalks according to thickness. Cook gently in boiling salt water to which 1 teaspoonful sugar has been added, putting in the thicker stems first.

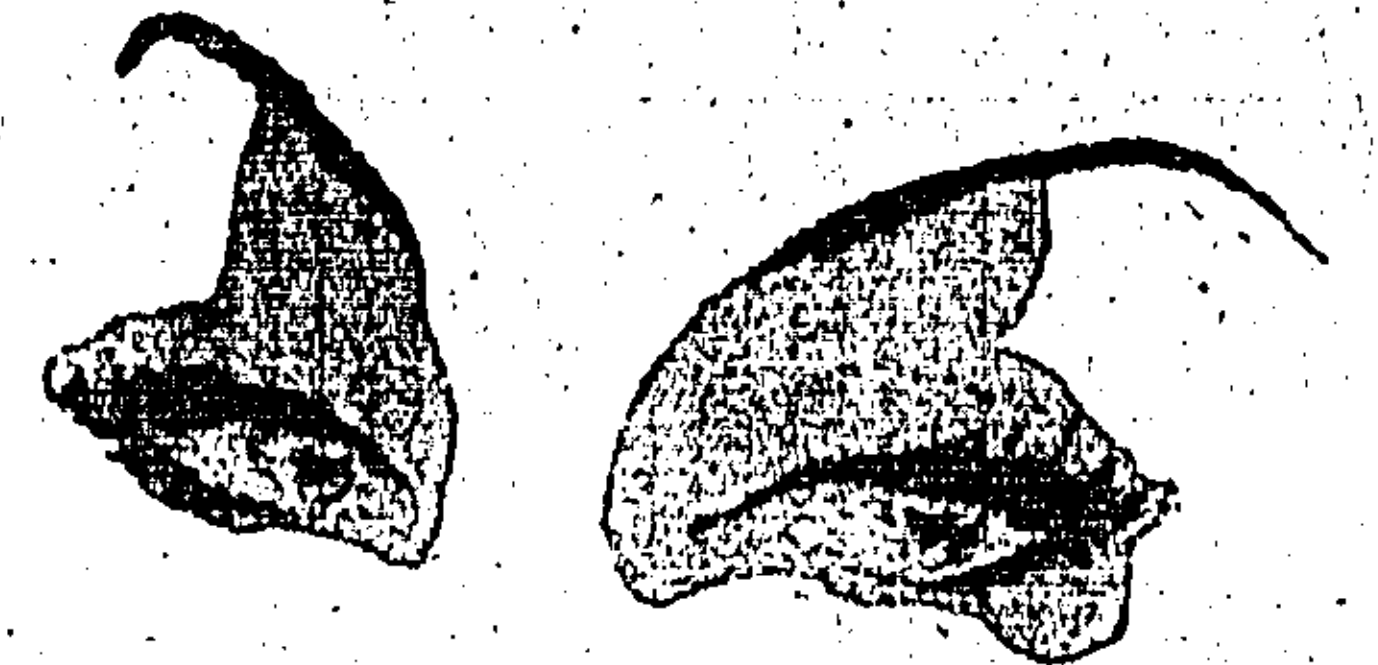
When the asparagus is tender and the tips unbroken (15 minutes cooking), drain well and serve in a hot vegetable dish with a little melted butter or margarine.

Be careful not to overcook asparagus or the juicier tips will become too soft and fall off.

Vegetarian Salad

1 lettuce, 2 carrots, 2 tomatoes, 2 oz. nuts, 1 oz. cheese, salad dressing.

PREPARE the lettuce by tearing apart the leaves, and washing thoroughly in cold water. Drain and dry well, then arrange the leaves attractively in a salad bowl. Grate the carrots, dice the tomatoes and chop the nuts. Arrange the prepared vegetables in alternate heaps on the dish, or mix well together and pile in the centre. Glaze with salad dressing and top with grated cheese.



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Malta recently received a 30,000-ton floating dock, which arrived after a 4,000-mile journey from Bombay. This is the dock which Britain promised should be delivered to take the place of the 30,000-ton dock which was bombed in 1940. Built at a cost of £1,500,000 the dock can accommodate the largest warship afloat.

Malta, the George Cross island in the Mediterranean, shared with Britain in the common struggle to preserve freedom. Sadly, battered as she was during the war, there is much reconstruction work to be carried out and Britain has granted a sum of £31,000,000 towards this.

Another allocation of £1,000,000 is to be made under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act for carrying out a substantial programme of public works in connection with the social services of the Colony.

Brocade evening shoes have ankle-straps

THERE are many attractive designs in the high-grade fashion shoes now being made in London for the autumn. Here are some examples:

DAY: Emphasis on simpler lines; fewer bows and brass studs; wedges practically non-existent, replaced by medium thick platform soles and very square sturdy-looking heels, which are much higher than they appear. A tendency to tucking, and gathered or draped effects.

EVENING: Return of bronze kid, Chinese and metal threaded brocades; emphasis on ankle straps; hand embroidered ornaments; five-eighths-inch platforms with three and a quarter-inch heels.

Combination of velvet and rhinestone in sandals, the stones studding deep platform and heels.

Completely upperless sandals being up the leg.

The upperless sandal is held on the foot by means of lacing in a soft material which cannot cut into the leg and become uncomfortable.

On the shoe itself the lacing is fixed; the part that goes up over the ankle reaching to mid-calf, is separate and requires a certain amount of skill to knot artistically.

These evening sandals are designed for wear with ballet-length skirts. They demand that the wearer has perfect feet, for they have been inspired by studies of Greek sculpture.

STANLEY MATTHEWS, wizard of dribble, continues the story of his football life

How a psychiatrist made an off-colour footballer score again

I SUPPOSE you would ridicule a fiction writer who chose a plot in which his hero was a professional footballer who had lost his nerve, but as a result of treatment from a psychiatrist went on the field and scored freely?

I would have joined in the scoffing until I saw this very thing happen to Freddie Steele. Stoke City's centre forward. I shall always regard him as one of the unluckiest leaders an England team ever had.

In 1938-39 season Freddie's spirits had sunk pretty low. An old knee injury was troubling him, he was worried about his wife, who was expecting a baby. Altogether his world seemed black.

In the first half of the season he scored only nine goals, and Stoke were in a dangerously low position in the League.

He was rested, and while doctors could not decide whether to recommend an operation for the removal of a cartilage it was the opinion of many of his friends that the root of the trouble would be found in Freddie's mind rather than in his knee.

He had developed an inferiority complex, and was so depressed that once or twice he confessed he doubted if he would ever play football again.

Eventually Bob McGorry suggested that Freddie should consult a well-known nerve specialist in the Potteries.

Steele visited the psychiatrist twice a day for several weeks. The treatment was carried out in the doctor's study.

The room was darkened, Freddie sat on one side of the fireplace while the specialist, who always wore a dark suit, sat on the other side.

All Steele could see were two piercing eyes staring at him, though occasionally he would catch a glimpse of the features of the doctor in the flickering firelight.

The specialist insisted Steele should talk about his childhood, his domestic life, and his dreams.

A footballer's dreams

SPECIAL attention was given to dreams, and Freddie slept with a pencil and notebook beside his bed so that he could jot down incidents, no matter how trivial or crazy, immediately he awoke.

Day after day the voice behind the two piercing eyes assured him he was a great footballer. That he could go out and score goals if he so desired.

The treatment soon showed promise of success, because it was noticed by Bob McGorry and the players that Freddie was far happier than before.

He arrived at the ground some mornings whistling, and was certainly more confident. He once admitted the nets were looking larger than ever before.

Steele decided to give him a run with the first team against Huddersfield, and on the Friday he went off to his specialist. After a long session the doctor implored him not to let him down the next day.

Freddie didn't either. He went out and scored, and furthermore went on to score ten goals in five League matches.

What is even more remarkable is the fact that all the time he was playing with a loose cartilage!

He later underwent an operation. The success of any treatment that can make a player with cartilage trouble go out and score goals is beyond all doubt.

I certainly would not believe it to have been possible had I not seen it for myself.

I said earlier I considered Steele to be a brilliant centre forward. Of course, I never saw Hughie Gallacher or Dixie Dean at their best.

He is not a big fellow as centre forwards go, for though he stands only 5ft. 6ins. he is not heavily built. But such is his skill, speed and shooting powers that he is for ever dangerous to the best defence in the country.

Chosen when he was 18

FREDDIE was working as a potter when Stoke discovered him. He was only 18 at the time.

He began scoring regularly. He was chosen to lead the Football League against the Irish League, and the greatest honour in the game came his way soon afterwards when he was picked for England in 1937.

He had successful matches against Wales at Cardiff and Ireland at Stoke.

A leg injury kept him out of the England XI against The Rest in the international trial at Burnley on March 17, but in spite of this the England selectors chose him for the gruelling test against Scotland at Hampden Park the following April.

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The England team played exceptionally well in this half. Everything had worked to the plan discussed at our hotel after breakfast. We had been told to swing the ball from wing to wing, and to make a gap down the middle for Steele.

Cliffie Britton, of Everton, and Jack Bray, of Manchester City, were the key men behind England's attack, while Alf Young, the Huddersfield Town "stopper," was to break up the attempts of Walker and McPhail to put Frank O'Donnell through.

Plan, worked well

I WAS opposing Andrew Beattie for the first time. This was Beattie's debut in a Hampden game, and although in the years that followed Andy and I have had some exciting duels, the luck was in my favour on the occasion, and Beattie could do little more than chase my shadow.

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I had, of course, heard about this war-cry of the Scottish football fan, but had never previously experienced it. Those of you who have never heard the "Roar" cannot appreciate the effect it has on a player.

It shook me and my colleagues in the England team.

If ever a match was won and lost by a roar it was this game. You could sense the enthusiasm of the crowd being transfused into the veins of the Scottish players. Two minutes after the second half Frank O'Donnell equalised. The credit of this goal must go to Tommy Walker, who seized a pass from the wing, zig-zagged his way towards goal, and found O'Donnell with a delightful through-pass.

As the match progressed so did the roar become more terrible—for us. It shook our confidence and left our legs a little uncertain.

As the roar grew in volume so did Scotland seem to get a stronger grip on the game.

I knew within myself we could not now win. Our nerves had cracked, and when Bob McPhail beat Vic Woodley from fifteen yards out with

only twelve minutes remaining the game was as good as over.

To make Scotland's win even more convincing, McPhail headed a third goal three minutes from the end, and so we lost 3-1 after having outplayed the Scots in the first half.

Even Scottish journalists considered England to be a little unlucky, and some declared it was the best England eleven seen at Hampden in years.

The teams that day were: Scotland: Dawson (Rangers), Anderson (Hearts), Beattie (Preston N.E.), Massie (Aston Villa), Simpson (Rangers), Brown (Rangers), Delaney (Celtic), Walker (Hearts), O'Donnell, F. (Preston N.E.), McPhail (Rangers), Duncan (Derby County).

England: Woodley (Chelsea); Mile (Arsenal); Barkas (Manchester City); Britton (Everton), Young (Huddersfield Town), Bray (Manchester City); Matthews (Stoke City), Carter (Sunderland), Steele (Stoke City), Starling (Aston Villa), Johnson (Stoke City).

Luck in my favour

THE only consolation to that defeat came two years later, when we laid the Hampden bogey, beating Scotland 2-1 with a goal by Lawton from my p a s s o seconds from time.



THE MASTER AT WORK

Stanley Matthews bamboozles Frank Brennan, Scotland's centre half.

Family Double or Quits

WHO ARE THE EXPERTS IN YOUR HOME?

A NEWS-GAME FOR EVERYONE

TOWARDS the end of each month, the Hongkong Telegraph presents on this page a news-game patterned on the famous Double-or-Quits radio feature.

Here's how you play: For each topic there are five questions based on this month's news as reported in Hongkong newspapers. Choose the topic you think you know best. Politics for Father? Sport for young Tom? Lucky Dip for Mother? Give them their choice.

A correct answer for the first question in each five gets one point. From then on, it's double-or-quits. So a correct answer to the second question can be worth 2 points, to the third question 4 points, to the fourth question 8 points.

And the fifth question, if the previous four have been answered correctly, is worth 16 points. The real family expert will get a total of 31 points.

Now who's to be Question Master? Fixed that? O.K. Get started.

The correct answers will be found on Page 12.

ENTERTAINMENT

1. A famous British actor was knighted during the month. Who?

2. How old is Jean Simmons, who played the part of Estella in a girl in "Great Expectations"?

3. A film was shown in Hongkong during the month made from a Pulitzer prize novel written by a Tientsin-born author. What is the name of the picture?

4. A veteran actor was recently received by the King at Buckingham Palace, and presented His Majesty with a scroll on behalf of the British-United States Club of Los Angeles. Who was the actor?

5. Which well-known American singing star has just signed an agreement with J. Arthur Rank to make a film in England this year?

LUCKY DIP

1. What do the initials UNSCOP stand for?

2. Britain has just lodged a vigorous protest with the United States Government. What did it concern?

3. General Eisenhower, who is reported to be thinking of resigning as Chief of Staff of the United States armed forces at the end of the year, has just been elected president of a university. Which university?

4. Two new Dominions are shortly to be added to the British Commonwealth. What are they?

5. Carlton House Terrace in London is to be pulled down to make way for the new home of an important government department. Which?

PLACES

1. Andrei Vyshinsky, Soviet deputy foreign commissar, is reported

to be taking a cure at Karlovy Vary. Where is the place?

2. Which Dutch town has adopted a proposal forbidding anyone "sitting or lying in the company of a member of the opposite sex on or at a public highway, a dyke, the verge of a road, its slopes or its bottom?"

3. In which of China's provinces was there recently some border fighting after it was reported that troops of another state had crossed the frontier?

4. Which of the Indian States have announced that they would not join the Constituent Assembly?

5. A certain group of islands off the English coast has been likened to a "tropical paradise." What is the name of the group of islands?

POLITICS

1. In which country was there a demonstration recently against United Nations trusteeship?

2. An international commission has just concluded its work of adjusting the boundary between two Asiatic countries. What countries are concerned?

3. Alcide de Gasperi has again become Premier of Italy. What party does he lead?

4. President Truman's veto of a certain legislative measure has recently been over-ruled by Congress. What was the measure?

5. Which European country has had a change of government this month as a result of its Premier, handing in his resignation to his

country's Minister in Bern, Switzerland?

PEOPLE

1. Which well-known American politician recently hinted that he might form a third party to contest the 1948 presidential elections?

2. The head of a European state celebrated his 80th birthday, this month. Who?

3. Who is Menahem Beigin?

4. Nazi SS Colonel Skorzeny, recently arranged for trial at Dachau and described as "the most dangerous man in Europe," was responsible for rescuing a leading Axis personality from the Allies in September 1944. Who was the man rescued?

5. What is the name of the Secretary of the United States Treasury Department?

SPORT

1. Tudor Minstrel started an odds-on favourite for this year's English Derby, but the race was won by?

2. The home football season ended on June 14. Can you name the winners of the four leagues?

3. Yvon Petra, reigning Wimbledon title holder, was upset because, instead of being "seeded" No. 1 for the current championship, he was placed?

4. England beat South Africa in the second Test match at Lord's. By what score?

5. This is an easy one. On Thursday of this week the £1400 golf tournament at Mere, Cheshire, was decided. Was the winner an Englishman, American, Belgian, Frenchman, South African or Australian?

MATTHEWS SPARKLES ON THE WING

Scotland 3; England 1
FOR the first time since 1927 the magic of the Hampden roar failed, only just. I doubt I have ever seen a more enthralling game at Hampden Park in all the years I have watched these internationals.

—From the Sunday Express, April 16, 1939.

the air in sheer exuberance. The lower medical grade, and excused marching, drilling and P. T. duties for four months.

Scotland: Dawson (Rangers), Carbine (Third Lanark), Cummings (Aston Villa); Shankly (Preston N.E.), Baxter (Middlesbrough), McNab (West Bromwich Albion); McSpadyen (Partick Thistle), Walker (Hearts), Dougal (Preston N.E.), Venters (Rangers), Milne (Middlesbrough).

England: Woodley (Chelsea); Morris (Wolves), Hapgood (Arsenal); Willingham (Huddersfield Town), Cullis (Wolves), Mercer (Everton), Matthews (Stoke City), Hall, G. W. (Spurs), Lawton (Everton), Goulden (West Ham), Beasley (Huddersfield Town).

Freddie Steele played part of a season with a loose cartilage.

Well, Stanley Mortensen, the young Blackpool forward, stopped playing for weeks because he thought he had cartilage trouble.

His "cure" was amazing. It all began when Stan injured his right knee playing for Blackpool against Rochdale in 1944. He visited four specialists over a period of some weeks, and after each consultation was advised to undergo an operation for the removal of a cartilage.

Finally he visited the M.O. at the R.A.F. camp where he was stationed as an air-gunner and wireless operator.

The M.O. decided not to give Mortensen time off duty for the operation, but Stan was put in a

Cricket helped his knee

DURING the summer he played cricket for Blackpool Services and impressed as a first-class wicket-keeper. The continual rising and bending helped to strengthen the injured knee, and when the football season came round, Mortensen consulted another specialist at Newcastle, who dashed any hopes Stan had, confirming the opinion of the other doctors that there was cartilage trouble.

His advice to Stan was that he should take a ball out and kick it hard. That would decide one way or the other.

On his first day back at Blackpool he was walking on the sands where a crowd of R.A.F. boys were kicking a football. Stan remembered the advice he had been given and running up, took one great kick. The next moment he was doubled in pain, believing he had broken his leg.

Mortensen has never been troubled with that leg since.

Next Week

Black Saturday—the Bolton Disaster

of us share her burning devotion to the Italian people. Recently, at a public luncheon, she urged us to try to understand them better, to help them more, to take them again into our bosoms.

For years Miss Jacob made her home in Italy, preferring what she calls her adopted country to this incalculable loss.

During the absence forced upon her by the circumstances of war, it appears the Germans once threatened to confiscate her villa. At which her loyal servant expressed most volubly her intention of defending the property with her very life, it needs be, a gesture so bewilderingly un-Italian as to shock the Nazis into instant retreat.

Now Miss Jacob is going back home, to be once again with her own folk.

POLITICS Speaking of Italy, current report has it that some kind of malice have served FRANCESCO SAVERIO NITTI, who was Premier of Italy in pre-Fascist days.

One of them, Eletra Pollastrim, having left Nitti's household, won for herself a seat as a Communist in the Italian Constituent Assembly. They meet regularly in the House but now pointedly look the "other way."

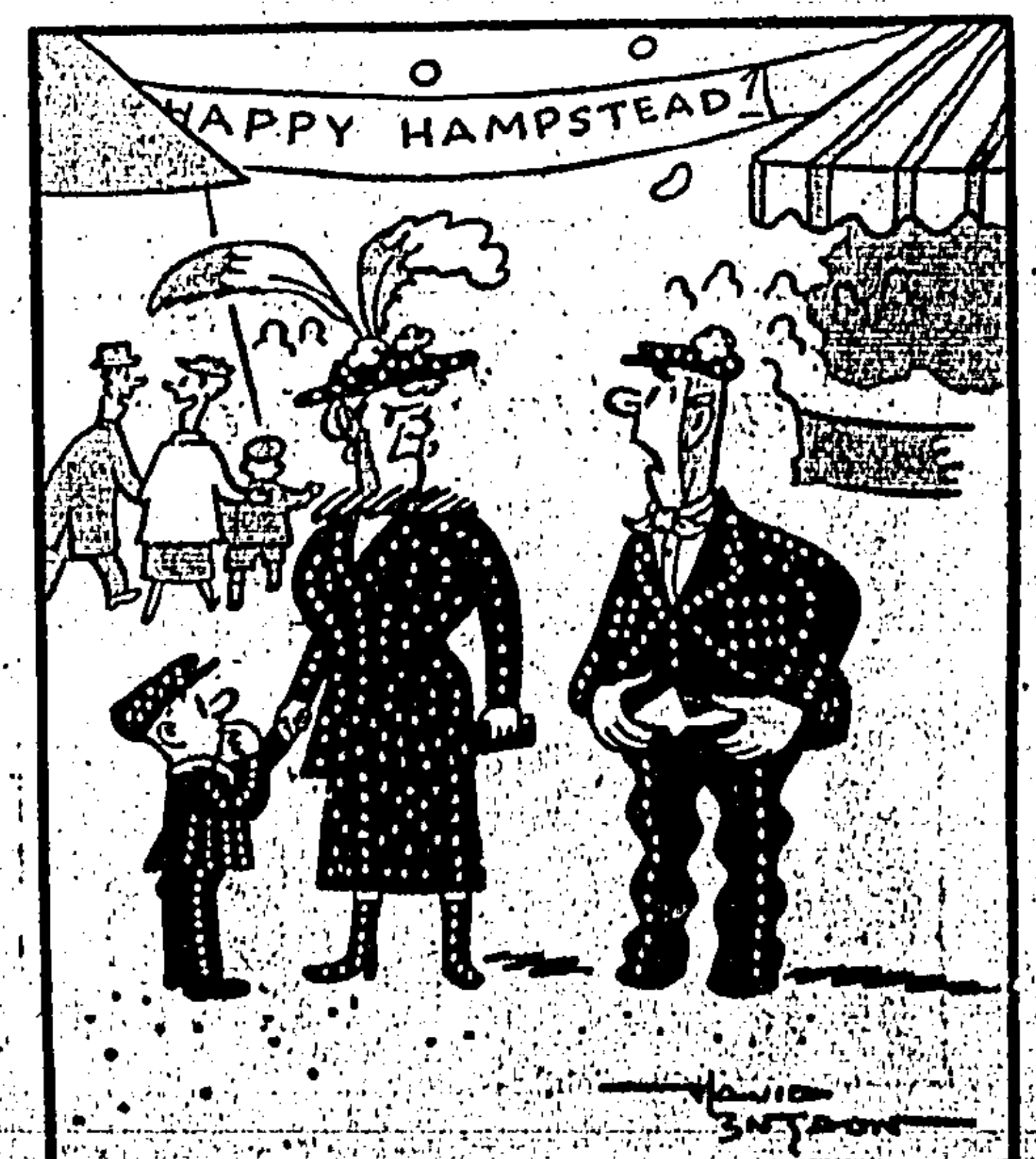
His present maid used to work for Nitti's most bitter enemy, the late Signor Mussolini. She still talks about the Duce with deep respect. "He was always kind to me," she told her new employer, apologetically. "He only scared me once, that was when he suddenly entered the dining-room dressed as an admiral."

MEDICINE Headquarters of the British Medical Association occupy the site in Tavistock-square of the house where between 1881 and 1890 CHARLES DICKENS wrote "Great Expectations," "Little Dorrit," "A Tale of Two Cities," and "Bleak House."

When adding a wing to their building in 1939, there had to be removed a mulberry tree, and from this, nature made a chairman's gavel and block.

The B.M.A. Council are handing over the Dickens relics, so they may be taken to America. There they will be presented to the American Medical Association during its centenary at Atlantic City.

DAVID LANGDON CARTOON



"Bilney, Lil! One of me buttons gone."



I REMEMBER THE WOOD GREW IN THE PERFECT SHAPE OF A GIGANTIC VICTORY V.
D Day, the Wing's fighters, shuttling to and from France, zoomed over it from dawn to dusk.

V Day, when I was being flown back from Germany on duty, the last leg of my journey, was along the reciprocal of those fighters, so that I came home again above it.

Looking down where the great V lies like a brave shoulder-flash on a shoulder of the Downs beyond Lewes, the young pilots had seen in it a lucky omen; to me on V Day it was the symbol of a good promise come true.

For the second time in a few days I remembered a sermon preached the previous spring—invasion spring—in our R.A.F. 2nd T.A.F. camp nearby. The padre had spoken in a simple parable—of the wood and the V sign, of the imminence of D Day and the ancient significance of the initials D.V. "Deo Volente," he said, "together we shall win the struggle against evil."

'It's over, it's over'

THE first time was that moment—two years ago—when our Wing got its first news of the Nazis' final surrender. Thus I should remember the padre's prophecy in that moment was strange, for we heard the news too dramatically to allow time for reflection. It was brought to us by a pilot returned from the dead.

We were camped, under the command of Group Captain Johnny Johnson, the Battle of Britain ace, at Celle, near Belsen, and 200 of us happened to be enjoying an Ensa show in the Luftwaffe gymnasium.

Suddenly the show was interrupted by a knocking and a confused shouting outside the great double doors. The actors hesitated, the audience shushed, the doors were flung open, and there on the threshold stood a group of young airmen in battle dress and flying kit, led by the apparition of a pilot reported dead two days before.

Skin was burned from his face, his hair was singed from his head, one of his arms was in a sling, and he hobbled towards us on a stick, shouting: "It's over, it's over! The war's over!"

Back from death

FOR a full minute we remained silent, wide-eyed, not at the news, which we had known was imminent, but at the bearer of it (his name was Squadron-Leader Terry Spencer, and he had the D.F.C. and came from Shanklin), whom we all knew and some had seen shot down for dead, in a blazing Spitfire with one wing gone, in Wismar Bay.

Suddenly our silence broke and, with a loud, inarticulate noise of welcome and a tumult of backslapping and handshaking, we all converged on him and carried him to the stage and the ecstatic kisses of the Ensa girls, before the whole crowd of us hurried off for the wild joy of that night's celebration.

His escape, we learned, had been one of those providential miracles of warfare—the speed and suddenness of his crash, which had prevented him from being out, pulled open his parachute so that it yanked him out of the plane just before the plane hit the water.

And, as though that luck were not enough, he fell so close inshore that he was able to wade to safety, receive first aid, and then return to base in time to be first with the news of Germany's surrender.

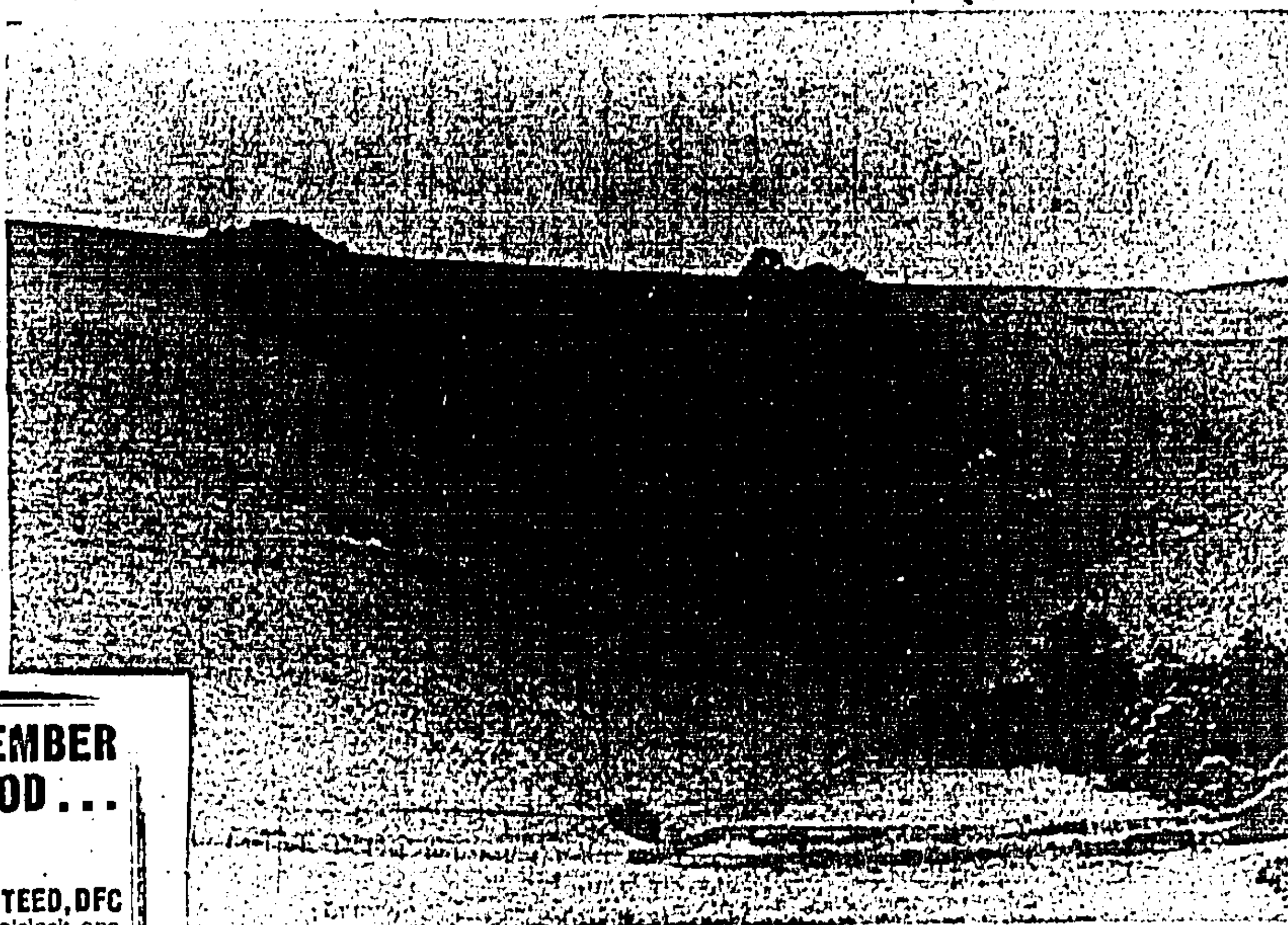
The sunshine

ONE reason for telling all this is that, until thus reminded, I had forgotten the incident, remarkable though it was, while, on the other hand, an apparently unremarkable experience of the war years—nothing more than the sunshine and ordinary happiness of our country life, in our camp by the V wood, in the English springtime that led to D Day, has been in my mind ever since.

Is it that the ordinary happiness of life are becoming so rare as to be memorable, while fantastic "impossibilities" are now so real and frequent that the mind tries to ignore them?

The Parable of the V-Wood

THE AUTHOR
Flight-Lieutenant
DONALD BUCHANAN



WE REMEMBER THE V-WOOD...

BERNARD WICKSTEED, D.F.C.
I SAW it at six o'clock one June morning at the end of a Dawn Patrol. I was going home to breakfast, and to rest until called out to battle again.

ARTHUR COOK
WE passed it many times, soon after dawn, on our way to link up with bombers going out.

ARCHIE FREEDMAN, D.F.C.
MY first sight of it was on Christmas morning 1944 just after dawn on our way back to base from a night job.

ARCHIE FREEDMAN, D.F.C.
We talked Churchill and his V sign, my navigator and I. And I felt good and full of high purpose.

SOME evenings until black-out, when the navigation lights of the last section swam down to earth like falling stars, our Polish squadrons would keep a camp fire burning and sit around, the red light on their faces, singing the gay and sad songs of their country to the music of a guitar.

Every day the pilots felt good to be alive, but every few days a few more pilots were shot down and were dead.

Living in a hundred and one camps each more or less like the one along the invasion coast, a splendid brotherhood of all nationalities of all nationalities of men prepared for H Hour on D Day.

After duty hours the inns of the neighbouring villages and little towns were Babels where English and American speech mingled with the sound of Polish, Czech, French, Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian, and almost every language in the world.

There is no exaggerating the unity of all men of good will of all classes and all nations which we modelled in miniature in those days.

A Chinese reconnaissance pilot whom we called "Charlie Chan" was among my friends, a fighter pilot from Sweden, Lithuanians, and a Mexican. In our Ops. caravan at one time were Prince Jean de Ligne of the Belgian contingent, and "Bud," an Eston schoolmaster, under the command of a very gallant wing commander who had been a dance band musician.

At each of our squadron dispersals been clerks and shop assistants, and ordinary "civilians" who had been employers. One squadron had six millionaires among its fliers, and "Gizzy," the veteran Lord Gishborough, was the humble, earth-bound adjutant of another.

Where is that unity now? The tale of it is a true parable with a plain moral for today and the padre's comment is still apt. "Deo volente, together we shall win the struggle against evil."

Together, God willing, must become our operative word. Now even more than then, more than ever in man's history mankind needs unity—world unity.

Then we achieved its microcosm to defeat a great danger; today we need its full dimension to avert a far greater danger; and the awful greatness of our need and our danger alike are summed in the current phrase "One world or none."

The Japs Will Repeat All Their Old Tricks

By "Candidus"

SCARCELY a day passes without the newspapers publishing news of the revival of Japanese trade. Manchester, England, has received a very large shipment of Japanese cotton material. If this represents reparations, there may be some advantage in encouraging the Japanese to reinstate themselves. There is, however, the fear that the Japanese will once again flood the world's markets with goods at prices which nations enjoying higher living standards will be unable to combat. For many years before the last war, the Japanese proved themselves to be unscrupulous copyists—even going to the extent of imitating world-famous trade-marks. Protests were in vain, and they waxed fat, thanks to their utter disregard for the most elementary commercial probity.

Once again we may expect to see the "So Sorry" little grovelers insinuating themselves in spheres of decency—spheres which are foreign to them in every sense of the term.

IT is surprising that America should ignore the protests of Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Norway against MacArthur's determination to permit the Japanese to send out whaling expeditions, and one wonders how far America's dictatorship, certainly as far as Japan is concerned, will be permitted to continue.

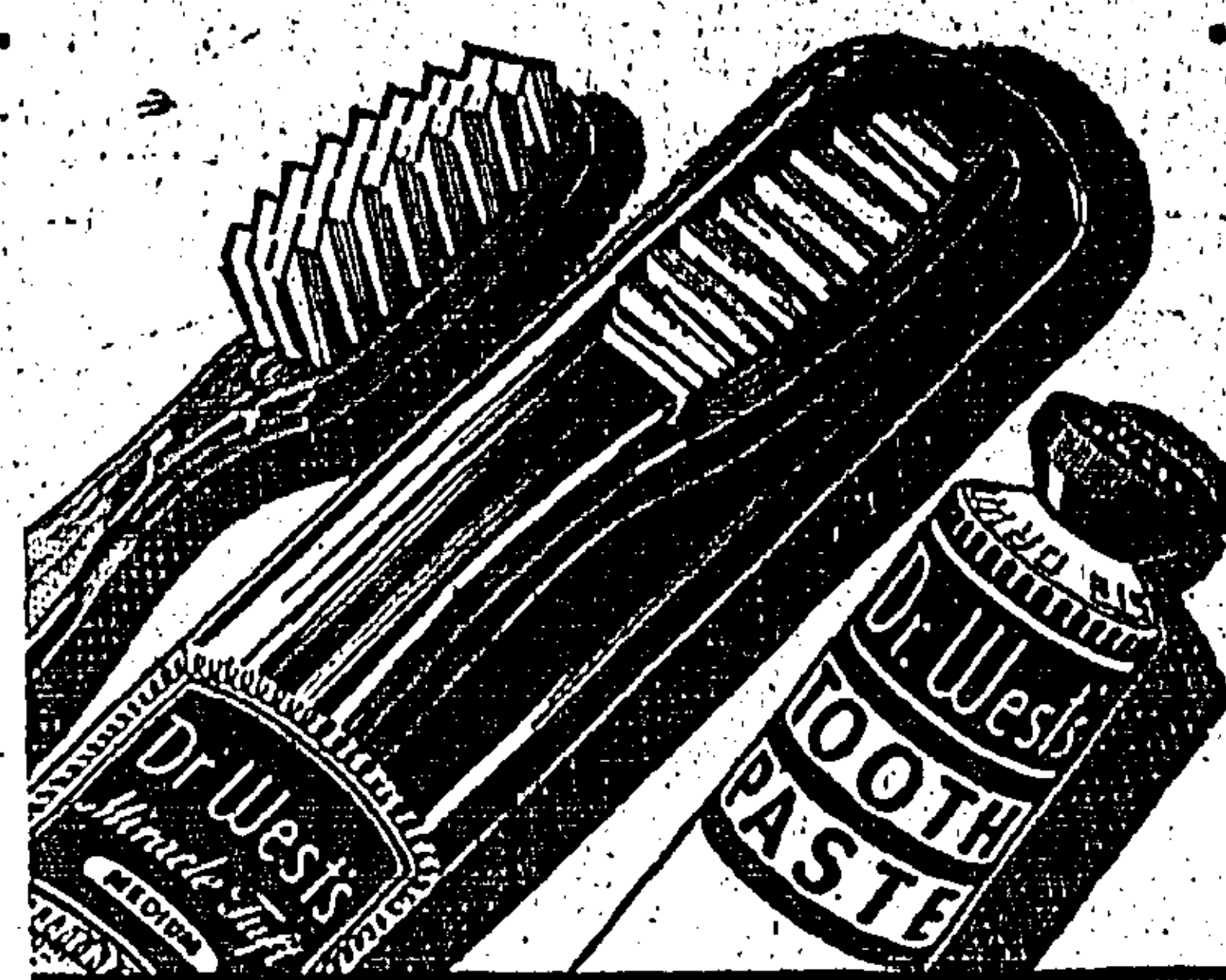
It is to be hoped that the United States has not forgotten Pearl Harbour in the desire to follow the dictates of the almighty dollar. Her apparent anxiety to see the Japanese reinstated presents a question which may have several answers. The fact remains, that the Japanese are undeserving of any special treatment or consideration.

UNFORTUNATELY, one cannot think of Japan without sympathizing with China. The great possibilities which became China's at the end of the war have dissipated into thin air, and instead of taking her rightful place as one of the five big nations of the world, China

today is running the risk of being internationally, economically and diplomatically side-tracked because of the inability to keep her house in order. I say, unfortunately, because it is indeed unfortunate for the other sponsors of world peace and order that China should not be able to play her part with determination and unity. A unified China would have had tremendous effect on the rest of the peace-seeking world, and even Russia would have thought twice before in any way creating international distrust as to her ultimate aims.

In the meantime, Japan benefits. She will take full advantage of China's impotency in world affairs, and it may well be that America realises that with encouragement and assistance, Japan will stand as a Far Eastern Bulwark against Communism. The situation gives rise to very serious thought, and China would do well to study carefully the effect on her constitution and economic outlook of an American sponsored Japan. It cannot be said that opportunity has not knocked at China's door!

ADVERTING to Japan's threat to world markets in the matter of dumping, one has only to recall the cement dumping in Hongkong for some years before the war to realise the danger which exists today. It is true that it became necessary to introduce a "quota" basis in order to control or alleviate the Japanese stranglehold on overseas markets; however that had but little effect. In Hongkong, Japanese piecegoods and other products were imported and then exported as British Empire goods, thus qualifying for the preferential treatment accorded goods made within the Empire. The tricks of the past will be attempted again, and we may rest assured that no opportunity will be neglected by the Japanese in securing revenue from the rest of the world by repeating the low-down scheming of the past—scheming which allowed Japan to build up her navy, army and air force in order to destroy those who had, by trading with her, provided the means of destruction. If America's intention is to use the Japanese for her own ends, she may yet live to rue the day that she ever succoured back to life and activity the race which endeavoured to destroy her at the time of the Japanese attack in Washington in December, 1941, when history's greatest example of stabbing a friend in the back was so foully demonstrated.



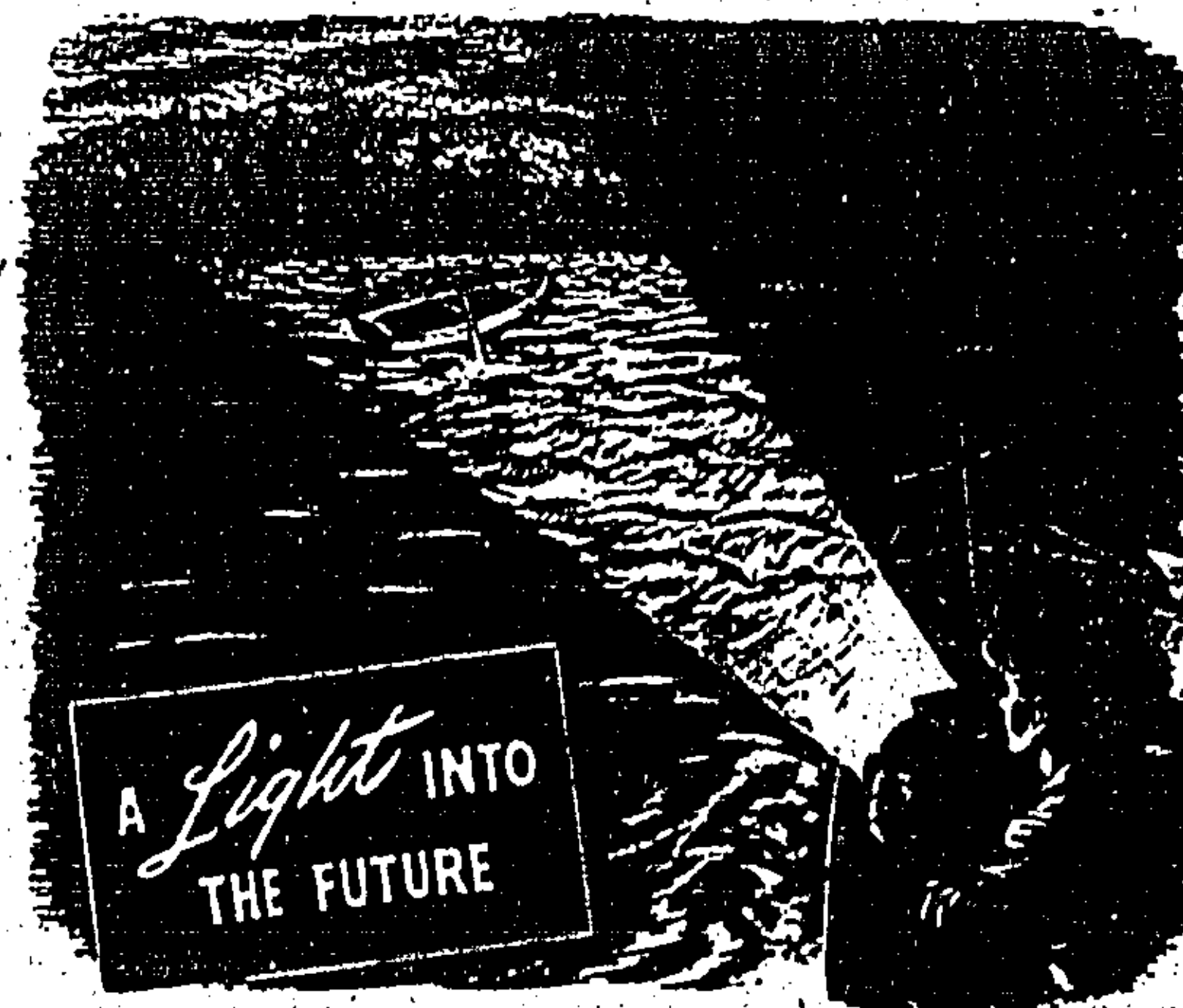
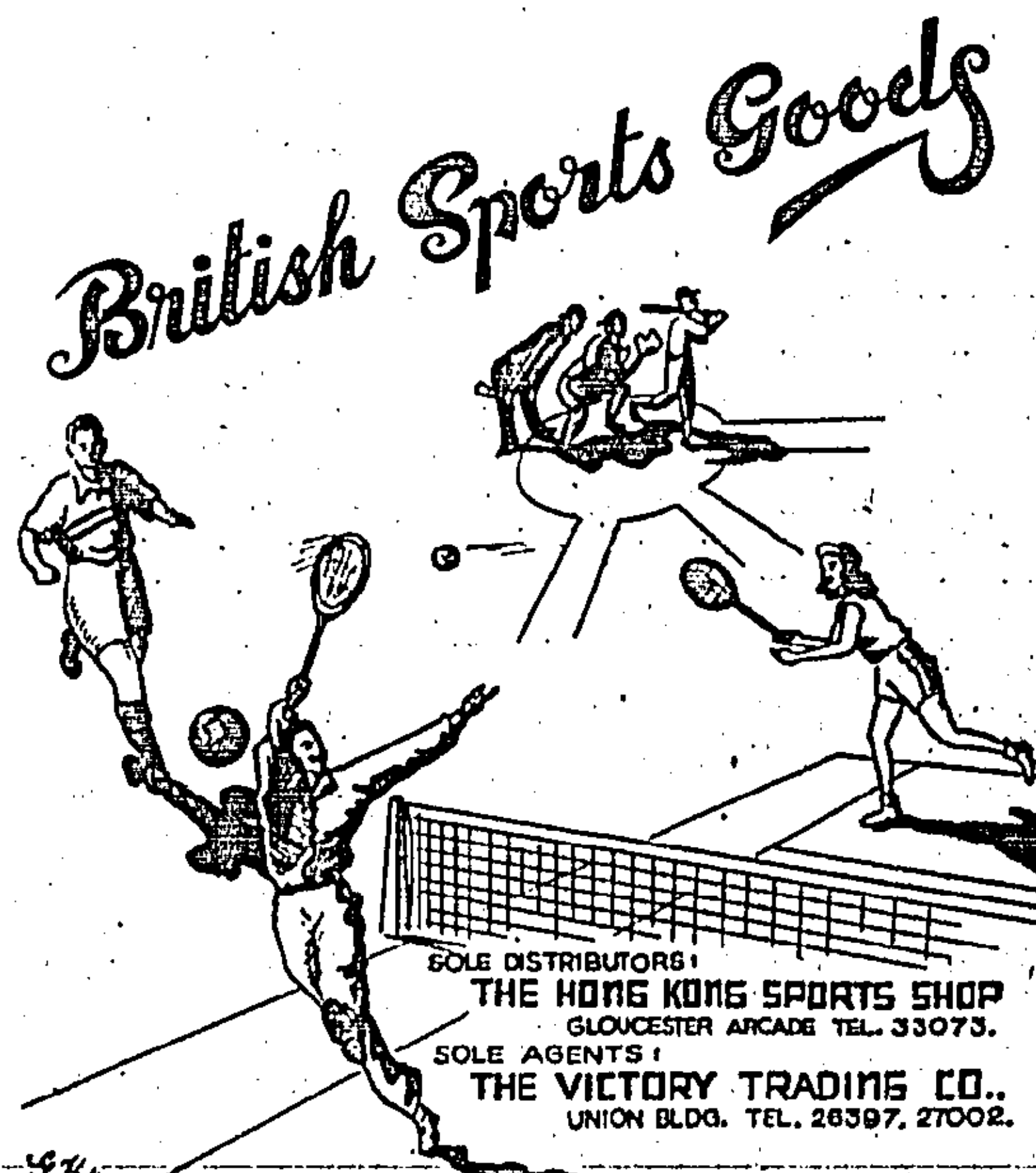
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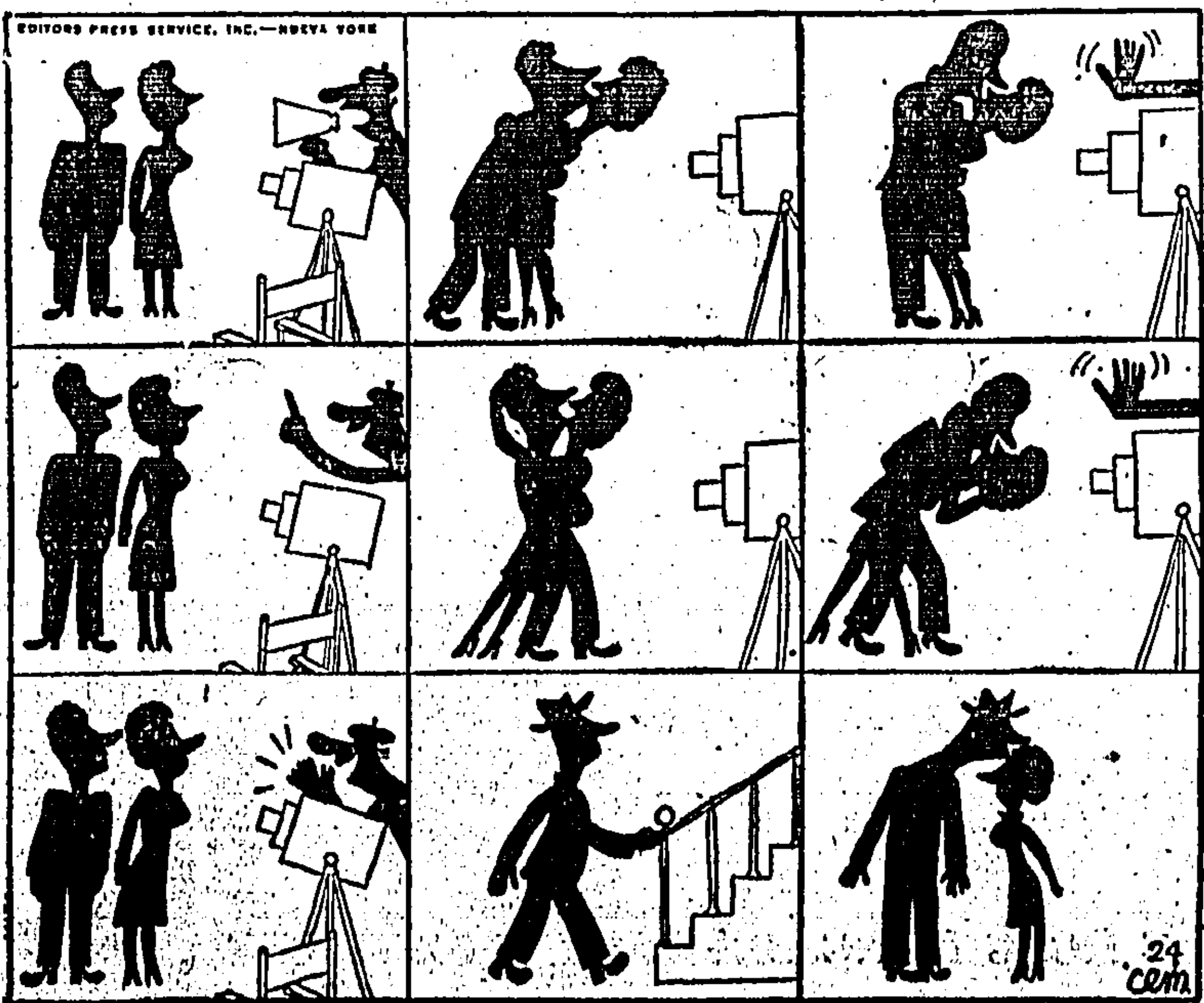
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SPORTS FEATURES



Here is the South China Athletic Association basketball team, champions of the 1947 Hongkong Open Basketball League and winners of the China Emporium Shield. The chairman of the SCAA, Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, is seated in the centre.

Britain Faces New Sports Challenge

THE GREYHOUND DERBY

(BY ARCHIE QUICK)

Next challenge to English supremacy in sport will be in the Greyhound Derby, which includes a number of Irish bred dogs. In fact they have enjoyed a big measure of success in greyhound classic events and it is generally believed one of them will succeed this year.

ATTRACTIVE BOXING

Supurb Johnny Ryan

Eight thousand miles of air, sea and train travel ended for CSMI Johnny Ryan, Britain's outstanding amateur boxer when he appeared and won as usual for Great Britain against Ireland at Wembley Pool.

Having won almost automatically the Army and Inter Services welter-weight titles he took the national title at Wembley on April 30. From May 9 to 18 he was in Dublin winning the European championship and from May 19 to 28 was on the Chicago trip as Britain's lone representative against United States.

Back to New York, over to Shannon, by train to Dublin, by sea to Holyhead, and finally to Wembley for the Irish match. He opposed Eddie Cantwell, his rival in the European event and again he won with nonchalant ease.

As the years go on this Army man's long left leads get snicker than ever, his right hooks more powerful, and with it all he remains nature's gentleman outside ring. He is probably the most popular man in Army sport today.

Result of the contest depended on the last fight and as the Irish McKeon beat the Welsh and ABA middle-weight champion on points it ended in three bouts each.

Best fight of the evening was that in which the ABA feather champion SG Evans of Wales outpunched Kellagher of Cork. It was toe-to-toe slam all way with the final round one long nonstop rally.

As Ireland had previously beaten the United States, Italy and France, Britain did well to force a draw.

Lesson to be learned was that Irish amateur boxing benefits through the fact that Irish ABA is the only body of its kind in the world to control its own stadium capable of holding 3,000.

In Ireland, be it noted, there is no great opposition to the amateur game by professional promoters and there is consequently no real drain to the professional ranks. Professional boxing over the water has never been a great success probably due to the lack of suitable halls, but chief credit goes to what is undoubtedly the most efficient of all ABA's.

It comes as great surprise to know that in such sparsely populated country there are over two hundred clubs and more than five thousand boxers in Erin and like Great Britain they won one of European championships.

Olympic Veterans Will Attempt A Comeback

1936 RECORDS CERTAIN TO TOPPLE

(BY RECORDER)

Twelve years is a long time between Olympiads but Earle Meadows, winner of the pole vault title in Berlin in 1936 is on the comeback trail and is intent on making the team for the London Games next year.

Meadows, who scaled a world-record height of 14 feet 11 inches in 1937 came back into competition in early June this year by taking the American Southern AAU title at 13 feet 9 inches and vaulted over 14 feet 2 inches a little more than a week ago, for the second best mark of the year thus far.

San Francisco's Guinn Smith, also a veteran vaulter managed 14 feet 7 3/4 inches at the Modesto Relays some three weeks ago and is consistent at 14:3.

Cornelius Warner, the only vaulter to top 15 feet (he did it some 30 times with a best mark of 15:74) is definitely off the list for London, having taken up coaching. William Serton, once co-holder with Meadows of the world record, is also out of it, having lost an arm in the war.

Also on the comeback trail is Dave Albritton, negro high-jumper of the Dayton Athletic Club, Ohio, who was once joint record-holder in the high jump with Cornelius Johnson at 6 feet 9 3/4 inches. He was second at Berlin.

Albritton has a best mark of 6 feet 8 inches this year and will have a hard time of it making the team with a spate of 6 1/2-foot jumpers the world over. Principal contenders are Bill Vessie of Columbia, who holds the year's best mark so far at 6 feet 8 inches and Lester Steers, world record holder at 6 feet 11 inches.

Steers, who has been out of competition for five years, went into training some three months ago and topped 6 feet 7 1/4 inches for the season's second best mark at forty-eight ago. Strong contenders also are Alan Patterson, the Scottish champion, Bolinder of Sweden and Metcalf of Australia, who are all near 6:7.

RECORDS WILL FALL

Olympic records should fall in London by the dozen and new world standards are likely in two events, the 400 and 800 metres. Rudolf Harbig's 1:46.0 in the 800 metres

seems unassailable, but is the mark likeliest to be assailed.

Likeliest prospect to cut a half-second off Harbig's standard is New Zealand's Douglas Robbins who, in January this year, outraced America's leading half-miler, John Fulton, in a 1:49.4 effort to win by inches. A half mile in 1:51.0 was once an awe-inspiring achievement but headed for London are a good half-dozen runners who have bettered it.

They are Robbins and Fulton, Marcel Hansenne of France, Niels Holst-Sorensen of Denmark, Arthur Wint of Trinidad, and Rune Gustafsson of Sweden. Not one of the six has yet shown signs of having done better than he would ever do again.

William Carr's 49.2 seconds for the 400 metres at Los Angeles in 1928 is another mark that is being sneered at by the best quarter-milers of the day. Jamaica's Herb McKenley has twice "quartered" in 49.2 seconds, equivalent to 45.0 s. over the metric route. Trinidad's Arthur Wint, New Zealand's Douglas Robbins, and the American negro stars, Elmore Harris and Dave Bolten, are near enough to chase Herb to a new world mark.

100 METRES CLASSIC

One of the classics of the decade will be the 100 metres final where Jamaica's Emanuel McDonald Bailey, unbeaten throughout 1946, look to competition strong enough to pulverize the best that Jesse Owens ever did. Top prospect on this year's performance is Southern California's "Pell-Mell" Mel Patton who is unbeaten thus far and is seldom slower than 9.1 secs. over 100 yards.

McDonald Bailey has conceded two defeats this year, the first to Juan Rafael of Cuba in the Carib-

The Nottingham Cricket Pitch Is Too Perfect

London.—Comparisons it is said are odious, but one that has caused the topic of discussion this summer, has been the comparison of cricket wickets at Bristol and Nottingham.

The former has been a bowlers' paradise, with games being won in two days, while Nottingham has produced some mammoth scoring, and in consequence drawn games.

Nottingham of course has been the Venus of the opening test match between England and South Africa, and the Union's bowlers suggested that some of the devil had gone out of the pitch, by the manner in which they got rid of England in the first innings.

The original Nottingham pitch was created for bowlers of the type of Voco and Larwood, but when it was suggested that the marl used on the pitch should be restricted, in order to make it a more sporting pitch, the authorities had to virtually rebuild the wicket. It is this interim period between the old, and before the new becomes perfect, that is causing all the trouble at Nottingham. The bowler has found not the slightest assistance from the pitch, with the result that batsmen have reaped a harvest of runs.

Bristol's playing area was criticised over a year ago, when it was suggested that its fluky characteristics should be created by the Green-keeping Research Station. This was the comment of Brian Sellers, the Yorkshire captain. Bristol was then in a condition that certainly demanded first class attention, which it duly received.

The result has been not a batsman's paradise, but a really sporting pitch on which the batsman

must watch and play every ball. The irony of the situation was when Sellers' own team, the mighty Yorkshire, went there and were beaten inside of two days by Gloucestershire.

It has been almost a monopoly of Yorkshire to win the county games in two of the three days devoted to championship games, so this was a bitter pill for them.

But as the secretary of Gloucestershire said: "I deplore matches finishing in two days, but as a player I applaud it." And everybody will agree that such matches offer far more excitement than the tame draw matches, because the bowlers through no fault of their own, but simply because the pitch is against them, are never on terms with the batsmen.

If all the wickets were like the present Bristol one, the world certainly be fun in the game, though then perhaps the batsmen would grouse. A fortune surely awaits the man who can produce a pitch which gives no ground for criticism by either the batsmen or the bowlers.—Reuter.

Short Shots

If Russia participates in the 1948 Olympics, it's the Soviet women who will claim the spotlight—their menfolk are not expected to be sensational. That, at least is the opinion of Colonel Samarin of the Soviet Embassy in London, who claims the Russian girls probably will upset quite a few world records. . . . Young Ann Curtis, holder of every American swimming record from 100 yards to the mile, and United States Olympic answer to the speedy Dutch and Danish girls, recently showed just how great a threat to European supremacy she is likely to be. The speedy American holder of the world's 800 yards freestyle record swam 440 yards in 5 mins. 7.0 seconds well in side Danish Ragnhild Hveger's world record, and then went on to equal Danish "Zeis" Mathiasen's 50 seconds' record for the 100 yards.

A LONDON QUIZ

Took Lord's turf with him



Lord's as it was in 1837.

Q—How did Lord's Cricket Ground get its name?
A—It is named after its founder, Thomas Lord, a Yorkshireman, born in 1755.

Lord was the son of a farmer who lost his money by backing the wrong side in the '45 Rebellion. To retrieve the family fortunes, Thomas came to London and found a job with the White Conduit Cricket Club, the leading club of the day.

He played in several important matches on their ground at White Conduit fields near where King's Cross Station now stands. As the area developed it became more and more unsuitable for cricket, and the two great men of the game in those days, Lord Darnley and the Earl of Winchelsea, suggested to Lord that he should open a private ground.

With their financial support, Lord rented ground at Dorset-square, then a rural area, and working hard throughout the winter he opened Lord's on May 31, 1787. Middlesex played Essex and won by 63 runs. In the same year the White Conduit Club were replaced by the MCC.

For 20 years the ground flourished, but the growing value of the land raised the rent, and Lord was forced to move to a new site in Lisson-grove.

A few years later the new site was requisitioned for the Regent Canal and, taking his turf with him—it had already been brought from Dorset-

Arthur Peall says:

STRIKEN pocketed a red, but could not continue by pocketing the spotted pink from position indicated in diagram. Yellow offered a feasible dot in the middle pocket, but striker preferred to leave a deliberate snooker behind yellow. If a stroke met with a bad vote comment from some onlookers. Whether the lookers liked it or not, the striker played a good defensive snooker as shown in diagram.

After playing a jump shot over blue and pocketing green as indicated, striker was told that the jump shot was barred by the owners of the table. He asks whether this is allowable. It is in a proprietary sense, because the owner can bar the stroke on their own table. But as regards snooker played in accordance with the rules, the jump shot is fair and allowable.

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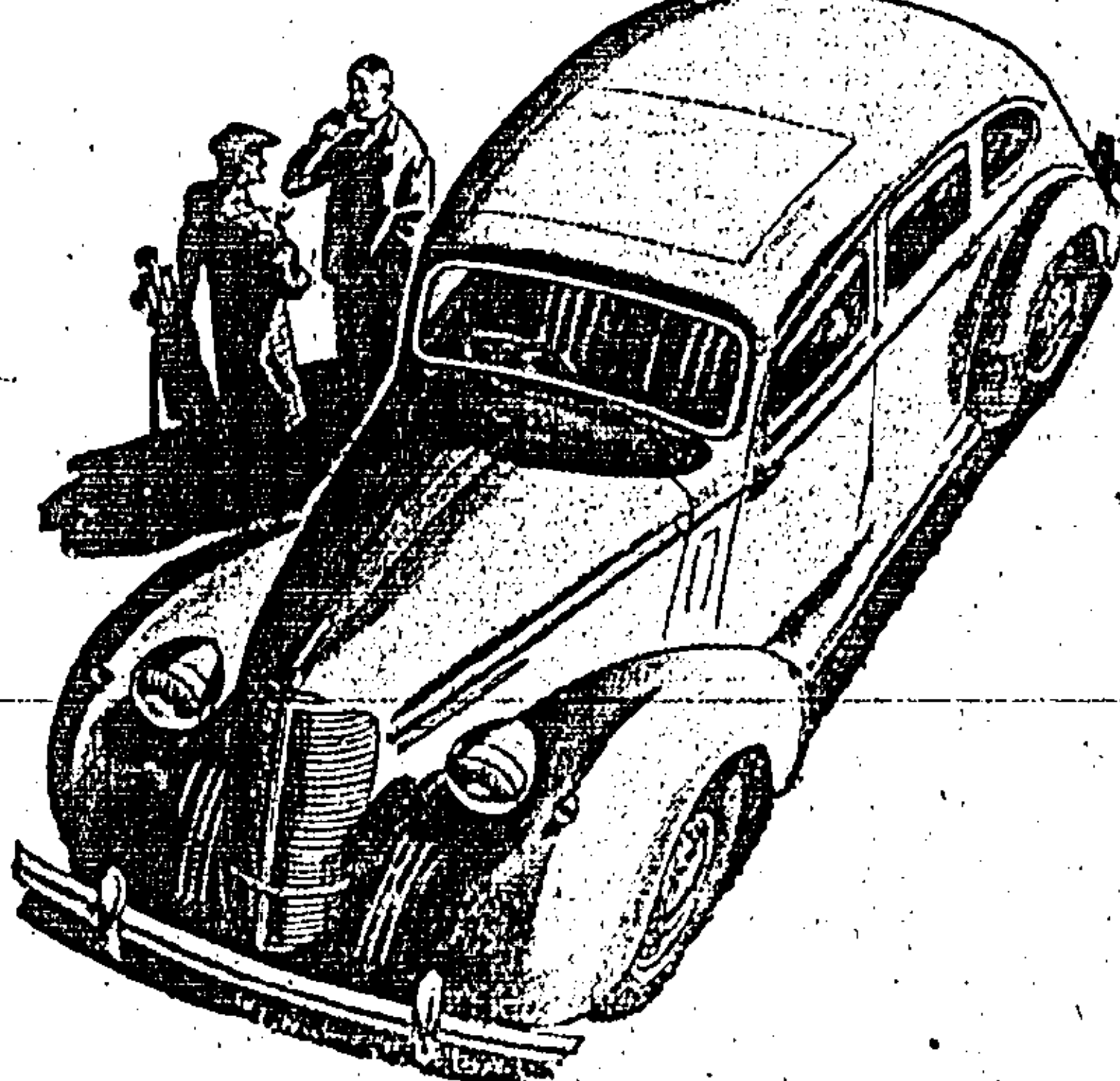
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SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. Cliffs apart, the largest town in England is—Southampton, Bolton, Derby, Preston, Sunderland, West Ham, Croydon, Brighton?
2. Our ancestors were introduced to one of these beverages by the Romans—Whisky, tea, mead, ale, gin?
3. Popocatepetl is—Alpine flower, Mexican volcano, American waterfall, Swiss avalanche?
4. You often read of this medal being won. Do you know it?



5. One of these bowlers took more than 300 wickets in a season's first-class cricket—M. W. Tate, W. Rhodes, A. P. Freeman, J. T. Hearne, H. Verity, W. E. Bowen?
6. "Queen of the Forest" is the title given to the—Oak, ash, willow, birch, elm, beech?
7. The President of France is—Georges Bidault, Edouard Daladier, Vincent Auriol, Maurice Thorez, Georges Clemenceau?
8. If you were to beat platinum, gold, silver, tin, and lead, in what order would they melt?
9. A Trappist is a—Geometrical figure, fur trader, monk, harness maker, driver of light carriage?
10. How many "ts" are there here—The federal fuses are the ultimate results of scientific investigation combined with the fruits of long experience?

Blind Sawmiller's "Seeing Eye"

Bright Mia, greyhound racing dog belonging to Leon Rose, blind sawmiller of Sydney, doubles as his "Seeing Eye."

In the day she walks with Rose, and at night she runs on the local tracks, often winning enough for Rose to pick up sizable stakes.—United Press

BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP, writes on—

THE REAL AGATE

THE death of James Agate has been rightly treated by the Press as an event of national misfortune.

No other critic and no other journalist of our time could have commanded at his passing such wide and generous tribute. There was a universal feeling that London especially had suffered an irreplaceable loss.

To those of us who watched his many activities it was both pathetic and magnificent to note how bravely he attempted to fulfil his many writing contracts to the very end. He could only visit the theatre occasionally, and he would perhaps see one film in a week, but he summoned his vivacity and richness of experience to fill his columns.

Perhaps only in the Daily Express was he able, in his book reviews, to show no decline of activity. He could read his books in bed and not have to make the heart-break journey to the theatre or the picture house.

HE MET DEATH WITH A PEN

FIFTEEN years ago we used to play golf together, he was a good 10 handicap player, and one day he told me that the fear and inevitability of death filled him with terror and gave him many sleepless nights. Yet when death approached he met it like Cyrano, except that instead of a sword he held a pen in his hand.

So many writers in the last forty-eight hours have written of his gaiety and wit that one might suppose he lived a life of intellectual detachment, resting at reality and remaining untouched by the cares that beset mankind.

He certainly jested superbly and added territories to the land of the mind, but he also weaved in the shadows, some of them very deep. In matters of finance he was generous and feckless. One might have thought that in his zest for Dickens he had modelled his affairs on the example set by Wilkins Micawber. I do not think that Mr Dalton will be enriched by his passing.

SOMETIMES UNFAIR—AND WHY

AGATE was a lonely man, who knew everybody; lonely because the world he loved, and understood had gone. Bernhard meant more to him than any living actress, Hazlett more than any critic or essayist of modern times. That was part of the charm and also the reason for the occasional unfairness of his dramatic criticisms.

In friendly dispute he used to ask how one could judge any actor or actress without having seen *Rejane*, *Dusa*, or *Irving* in this or that part. We would counter by asking him how he could judge *Irving* without having seen *Kean* or even *Burbridge*, and why in his sixties he put such trust in the judgment of his twenties.

It was not a pose on his part, but a championing of the dead, who still lived to him, against the living, who were so often pale shadows in his eyes.

ENTHUSIASM FOR TALENT

"THAT first act," he would explode "at the first night of a comedy, 'a longer than the first act of 'Tristan' and not nearly as funny." "This play proves that there is a bottom to the bottomless pit." "At least, Mr.—has the decency to be inaudible."

So he would storm between the acts, but if he saw a glimmer of real talent in author or actor his face would shine with enthusiasm. There was no compromise in his nature; he was an advocate, an inquirer, and would have been a difficult judge.

It was not merely the knowledge that the English prefer quotation to creation that drove him so often to Lamb and Hazlett. He never quoted the saying of any living man because he never listened—and why should he? He found a deep delight in the wit that had mellowed with age just as he loved a wine that had a history as well as a label.

MEMORIES OF FRANCE

TO him progress was often a form of decay and he looked back to the sumptuous days of the 18th and 19th centuries for the intellectual stimulant that his mind craved.

The astonishing thing is that such a questing, restless, nucleolus, extravagant brain should be so disciplined. He was moody and petulant, swift to take offence and swifter to forgive, at war with life and in love with self-expression, but always he could bring his turbulent powers to turning out his copy in time for the printer, and even after seeing three bad plays and four stupid films as well as reading five indifferent books in a single week, there would be no sign of fatigue in his criticisms.

Yet, strangely enough, the article which shall always remember above all his writings had nothing to do with the theatre or books, and

only mentioned the cinema in passing. It appeared in the *Tatler* two or three weeks ago when, to fill his cinema column, he took a French film as his theme and wrote of the countryside in France as he knew it when an officer in the first war.

Here at last was the quality which he so seldom permitted himself in his criticisms, the quality of serenity. There was no striving for a phrase, no gem of wit to set the town laughing, no shearing of the Lamb or brandishing of Hazlett. But the dust rose on the road that led to the village, the fields were gold with corn, and the blue hills in the distance brought him to the three senses. At the inn the villagers talked not of the war but of things that mattered and would endure when man's insanity had passed.

It was the writing of a poet. It was the writing of a man who seemed at last to have found peace, if only for an hour.

HE GAVE DIGNITY TO HIS AGE

JAMES AGATE gave dignity to the age in which he lived, perhaps because he did not belong to it. Those of us who were his fellow-critics, and the theatre which he loved and castigated, should find some way of creating a lasting memorial to his name.

DUST-PROOF BUILDING

A housekeeper's dream—a dust-proof, germ-proof building—has been opened in Rensselaer, New York, Engineers who designed it described it as a "scientific Utopia."

Four storeys high, with glass blocks instead of windows, the building has 35 isolated laboratories where medicines are prepared. They have their own automatically controlled weather conditions. Each varies according to humidity and temperature. Each room has rounded corners, tile walls, flush lights and other means for keeping it spotlessly clean with the least possible effort. Ultra-violet rays flood all ventilating ducts to kill germs.

To make the dust-proofing doubly certain, all employees and visitors entering the building must pass through chambers with air blowers and suction fans which remove dust and lint from shoes and clothing.—United Press

NAVY BELLS FOR SALE

More than 400 bells from ships of the Royal Navy are being offered for sale by the Admiralty. Their weights vary between 5 lbs. and 148 lbs. and prices will range from £1 to £110.

The bells may be acquired by naval personnel and civilians.

In order that the claims of officers serving abroad may be considered with those of applicants in the United Kingdom the bells will not be sold until October. All who have applied will then be informed of the results of the allocation.

New Aircraft Carrier For 'Cold Storage'

THE nearly-completed 14,000-ton British aircraft-carrier *Leviathan*, now at Portsmouth, is to be "sealed" and put in "cold storage" in the latest American manner for at least two years.

The *Leviathan*, air-conditioned and insulated for tropical service, had her machinery installed when work was stopped in May 1946. She was then in the Tyne, where she had been launched from the yard of Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, a year earlier.

For 10 months the 700 feet long ship which can house nearly 50 aircraft, has been the home of two or three watchmen in Portsmouth dockyard.

Now the hull compartments are to be sealed and dehumidified and delicate fittings are to be put into airtight plastic cocoons.

To keep the *Leviathan* in good condition for two years, it will not be necessary to carry out all the American processes on her.

The new weapons that are now in the field are expected to bring revolutionary changes in warship design in the next few years.

The *Leviathan*, when she emerges from her "sleeping beauty" treatment, may become Britain's first anti-atom bomb ship.

Chippy makes the bed—disappear

If you live in a small flat or bed-sitting room, you may sometimes want to put up a visitor for a few nights, and then you are apt to envy people with a spare bedroom.

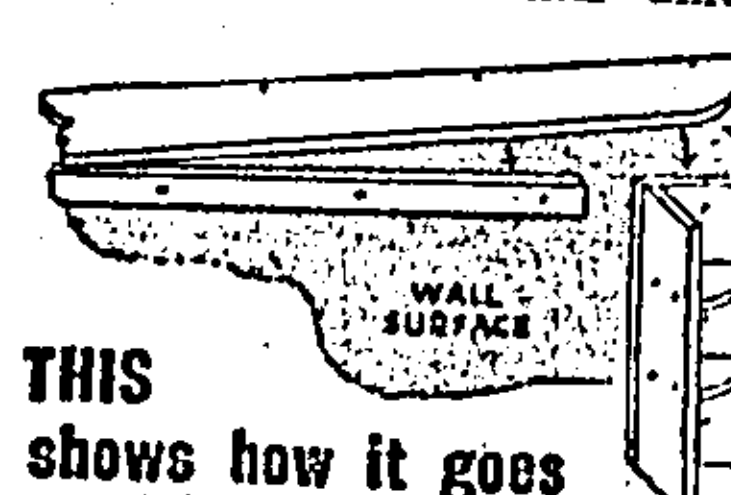
I faced the problem this week and managed to solve it by a new arrangement of my two divans.

Follow the illustrations and you will see how to do it. You will need these pieces of timber—

- 1 piece, about 7ft. 2ins. x 6ins. x 1in. for the top shelf.
- (It should be 13½ins. longer than the back divan when covered).
- 1 piece 6ft. 3ins. x 2ins. x ¾in. for top shelf support.
- 2 pieces 2ft. 6¾ins. x 6ins. x 1in. for ends (at back).
- 2 pieces 2 ft. 6¾ins. x 5ins. x 1in. for ends (at sides).
- (Or ¾in. more than the width of the back divan.)
- 4 pieces 5ins. x 5ins. x ¾in. for end brackets.

STEP 1.—Arrange your divans as shown in the top illustration, with the lighter one on its side and its mattress tucked inside against the wall.

STEP 2.—Now for the surround. Assemble your end shelf units as



THIS shows how it goes



you see I have done in the small illustration. If you are not expert enough to round off the brackets and top shelf just cut them on an angle.

STEP 3.—Screw both end shelf units to the wall. The distance between them should be the length of the back divan (when covered) plus 1½in. for easy movements.

STEP 4.—Screw your top shelf support (this is the piece 6ft. 3ins. x 2ins.) to the wall between the two end shelves. Its top edge should be level with the top of the shelf units. Then fix the long shelf over it and over the two ends.

This shelf is handy for a bedside lamp, a clock, a book or two, and

even an ornament if you want to make it look really attractive and cosy.

By day—

STEP 5.—Paint your surround to match the walls of your room.

If you can manage it cover both divans with the same material in a shade that matches the colour scheme of your room. Provide loose covers for the pillows so that during the day you can use them as cushions.

If you have one divan and one bed, perhaps you can remove the ends from the bed, and use it as the divan that forms the seat.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE



"Father's Day" BY KEMP STARRETT

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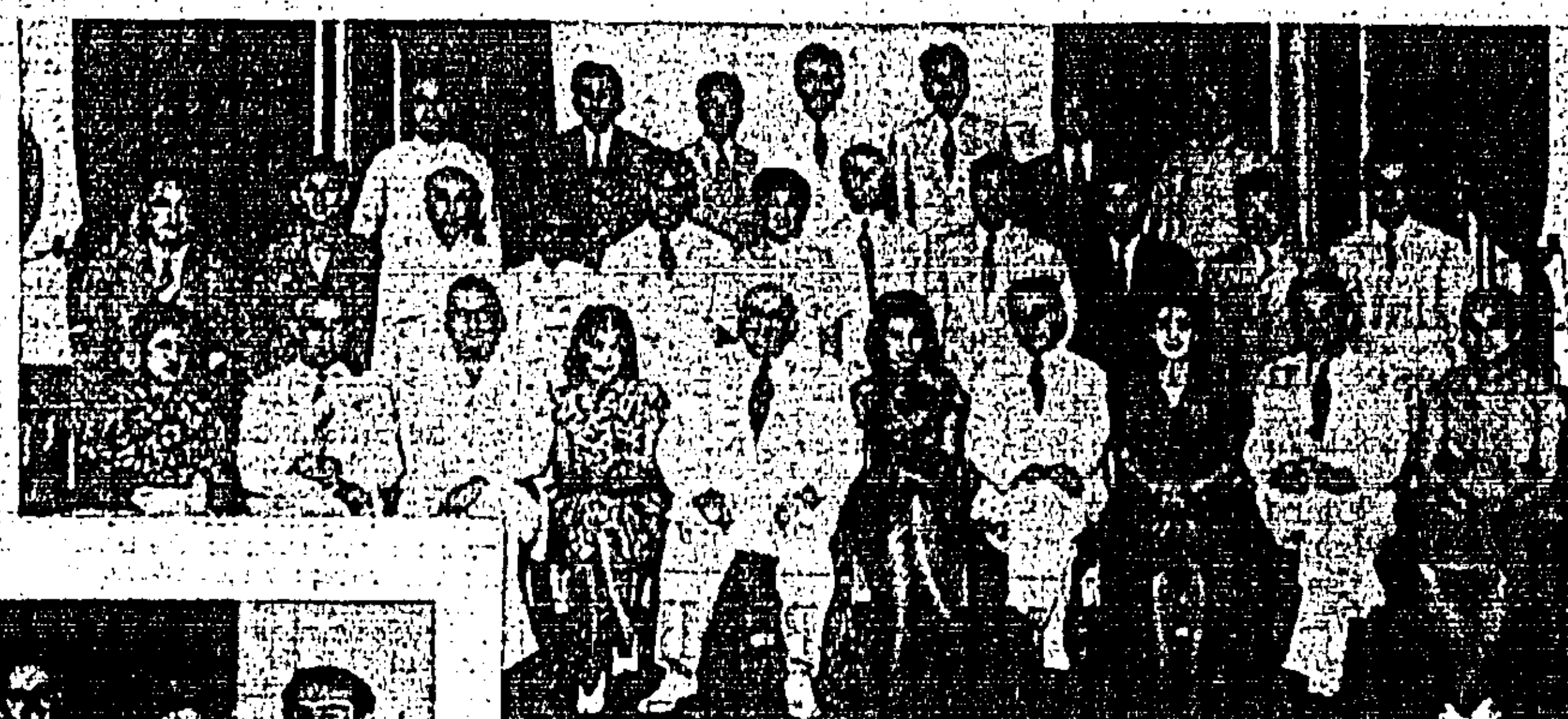
VISITING Hongkong last week on a tour of Royal Naval medical establishments was Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Henry St. C. Colson, KCB., CBE., DPH., KHP., Director-General of Medical Services of the Royal Navy. Picture at right shows the Admiral (second from left) inspecting one of the wards of the temporary Naval Hospital within Queen Mary Hospital. Surgeon Captain C. Keating (above, left) has been in charge of the hospital since the liberation, and is leaving Hongkong soon by the Empress of Scotland. Here he is seen with his successor, Surgeon Captain T. N. D'Arcy. (Photos: Gainsborough Studio)



SNAPPED at the Government House tea party given last week to Hongkong Chinese manufacturers by the Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall, Officer Administering the Government (left) are Mr. Shum Choy-wah and Mr. U. Tat-choo. (Photo: Francis Wu)



BISHOP WELCOMED BACK—His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Ronald Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, was welcomed back to the Colony at a tea party given at St. John's Cathedral Hall on Tuesday. The Bishop is here being greeted by Dr. Arthur W. Woo. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



FAREWELL dinner given by Mr. K. Caudron (third from left, seated) at the Kam Ling Restaurant last week in honour of Mr. Bonno Lowenthal (fifth from left), managing director of Bonlow Ltd., London, who was on a flying visit to Hongkong. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



MR F. A. DA SILVA PEDRUCO and his bride, formerly Miss A. M. G. da Silva, photographed with their attendants and relatives after their wedding last Sunday at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

PHOTO on the right was taken last Saturday after the wedding at the Methodist Church of Flight Lieut. Reginald Bradshaw, of the RAF, Kai Tak, and Miss Gwyneth Lloyd-Jones. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



BELOW are members of the Canton True Light Girls' High School softball squad, winners of the 15th Kwangtung Provincial Athletic Contest softball championship. They are coming to Hongkong for a series of games in July.



A FILIPINO FILM UNIT is on a visit to Hongkong to take scenes for a comedy. Group above was taken when the unit was entertained at Repulse Bay by the Philippines Vice-Consul, Mr. Emilio Bohasa (third from left). The stars of the comedy, Mariano Contreras and Andres Solomon, are standing fourth and sixth from the left.



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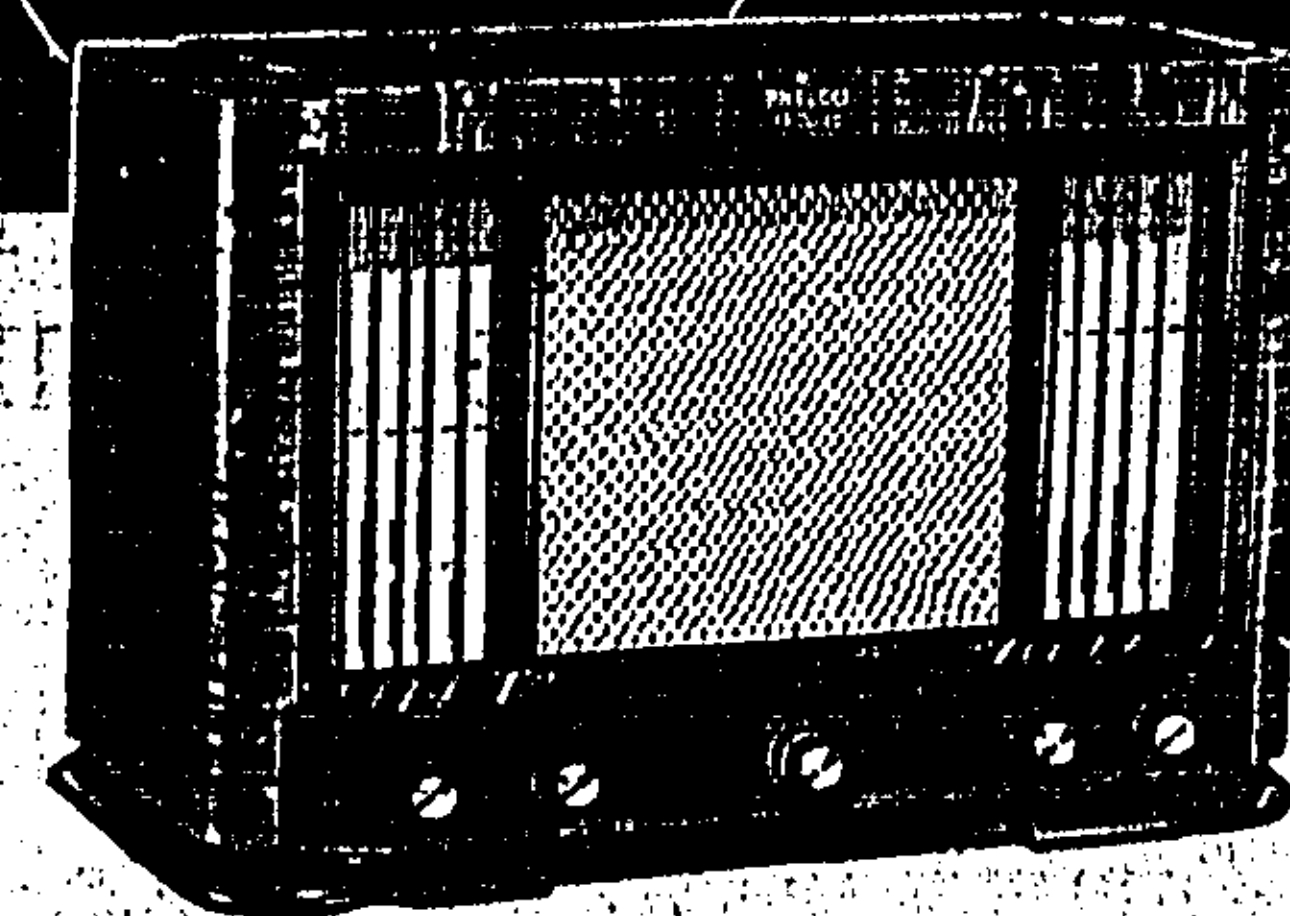
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U TUN MAUNG, who has been sent by the Burma Government to review the position of Burmese displaced persons in South China, was entertained recently at the Chung Sau Club. Many ladies attended the reception in traditional Burmese dress. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

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INDONESIA REPORTED 'ON BRINK OF WAR'

Batavia, June 27.

The Indonesian Republic today made an eleventh hour change in the terms of its "final reply" to the Dutch proposals for an interim federal government in the Dutch East Indies.

HEAVY RAINS IN ENGLAND

London, June 27.

Rain that brought on Friday fresh damage to sorely needed crops pelted the south of England, cascading through the bomb-damaged roof of the Houses of Parliament and causing other damage.

Lightning, continuous for nearly an hour, injured four persons on London's Thames embankment. Several roofs were blown off in a gale that preceded the downpour.—Associated Press.

PIERSON'S SENTENCE

Cancellation Draws Chinese Inquiry

Nanking, June 27.

A semi-official source said today that the Chinese Foreign Minister, Dr Wang Shih-chieh, has instructed the Chinese Ambassador to Washington, Dr Wellington Koo, to ask the United States Government for an explanation of the cancellation of Marine Pierson's sentence for raping a Chinese college student in Peiping last Christmas.

The source said that the Foreign Office also requested the United States Government, through Ambassador Leigh Stuart in Nanking, to uphold Pierson's sentence.

Meanwhile, the cancellation of Pierson's sentence has angered certain sections of the Chinese people, especially students in Peiping, who are reported to be holding meetings to discuss protest measures.

Dr Wang Shih-chieh, at the PPC Resident Committee this morning, was asked to explain the inside story of Pierson's conviction and whether the government is considering making representations to the TIS-GO Government against the cancellation, to which Wang made an evasive reply.—United Press.

SECRECY IN PARIS TALKS

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It was reliably understood that he had also intended to press for the immediate constitution of five committees to investigate agriculture, fuel, including coal and electricity, energy, transport, raw materials and finance.

It is believed that a communiqué may be issued at the end of the Conference.—Reuter.

CONGRESS WANTS TO KNOW

Washington, June 27.

Congress today announced that it intends to ask Mr George Marshall, the Secretary of State, for "detailed data" on his plans for future aid to Europe, and on the extent of dollar commitments it is likely to entail.

The United States is watching closely, although with no great optimism, the opening of the Paris Conference—first postwar Foreign Ministers Conference at which the United States has not been represented.

The problem being tackled by the European leaders—the critically unfavourable balance of payments of the Eastern Hemisphere with dollar countries—was underlined by an announcement from the United States Census Bureau that in May alone, American exports reached a record total while imports from countries desperately needing dollars dropped by over \$30,000,000.

The United States in that month sent abroad \$1,301,000,000 worth of relief and reconstruction material. This was greater even than the vast flow that crossed the Atlantic during the days when Lend-Lease was in full swing.

Imports totalled only \$473,600,000—\$827,400,000 less than the previous month.

It is this unbalance which threatens a world dollar famine in a matter of months, and that is what the Marshall plan is intended to cure.

To stress Mr Marshall's policy that at the present stage of "it is up to Europe and we are not obliged to interfere," no official American observers are attending the Paris meeting.

With political observers here describing the situation as "on the brink of war," the Antara (Republican) news agency first issued and then cancelled the text of the reply which forecasts had declared would be unacceptable to the Dutch. The Republican Ministry of Information spokesman declared he was completely in the dark as to the changes that had been made.

Reports from Jogjakarta earlier in the day disclosed that the crisis had moved to a climax when the Indonesian Prime Minister, Dr Sutan Sjahrir, who had held that office since November 1945, resigned after the main political parties, including his own, had rejected some of the concessions he made earlier this week to the Dutch in the hope of solving the deadlock over the country's future.

Accepting his resignation, Dr Soekarno, President of the Republic, has assumed full presidential powers to meet the crisis. A new Cabinet will be formed as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, members of Dr Sjahrir's Cabinet are acting under President Soekarno, and Dr Sjahrir himself is the temporary Foreign Minister.

Speaking before Dr Sjahrir's resignation, political observers in Batavia said that any Cabinet reshuffle, with a change in policy, might increase the danger of military conflict with the Dutch.

It was stated that Dr Ali Boedijardjo, Secretary-General of the Indonesian delegation in the talks, who was to have brought the reply to Batavia, was not now expected.

MORE BOMBAY TROUBLE

Railway Workers On Strike

Bombay, June 27.

Passenger trains were stoned, rail lines blocked, signal wires cut and the police opened fire in a strike of 25,000 Bombay railway workers today. Two strikers were reported killed and several injured by the police who fired several times.

This strike against the proposed new wage scales began this morning, but a partial resumption of work was officially reported this afternoon, after local services on the Government-managed Great Peninsular Railway had been at a standstill for some hours.

Trains entering Bombay on the main passenger lines were stoned as they passed through the northern strike centres. Windows were smashed and two police officers and a passenger were stoned as they alighted from a train which was brought to a standstill.

Other strikers dragged trees and oil drums across the tracks and cut signal wires. Armed police cleared the lines and were reported to have opened fire at three railway stations. Using fixed bayonets, they cordoned off three railway workshops where the trouble was believed to have started.

Bombay postponed his departure for Poona to keep in touch with the situation. In Calcutta, one-third of the city was placed under curfew today following a deterioration in the communal situation. A 48-hour curfew was imposed on one area after a chief constable on picket duty had been shot dead, and a 36-hour curfew was placed on the central area tonight after other incidents. Bombs exploded in two areas.—Reuter.

Rice Price Now Decontrolled

Washington, June 27.

Rice price controls will be removed on June 30, the Department of Agriculture announced today. This will leave only the sugar and certain sugar syrups under the price ceiling, and all other food commodities in the United States will be uncontrolled.

In view of the current world shortage, and the demand from India and other foreign countries, price increases on rice are expected. Congress has still to act finally on a renewal of the export control on rice and other vital food commodities. The House of Representatives has approved an extension of these controls, but unless the Senate also gives approval before June 30, the procurement of all foods for export will be on a "wide open" basis.—Reuter.

SUCCESSOR TO TRUMAN

Washington, June 27.

The United States Senate today passed and sent to the House of Representatives the Bill revoking the order of succession to the United States Presidency to place the Speaker of the House at present Mr Joseph Martin (Republican).

The Bill would place the President-elect at the head of the government in the event of the death of the President.

today and it was uncertain when he would arrive. It was reported, however, that the reply, which the Dutch had requested by midday today, was being telegraphed.

Police Force Issue
The reply cancelled today, which had been broadcast by the Jogjakarta radio, accepted a number of the Dutch proposals regarding the interim federal government for the United States of Indonesia, but refused to agree to a joint Dutch-Indonesian police force.

It maintained that each part of the Federation should be responsible for law and order in its own territory, and declared that the federal bodies proposed by the Dutch should include representatives from all parts of the proposed Federation and not Dutch and Indonesians alone.

Finally, it asked for further discussions on the formation of a government, as soon as possible.

Later reports, however, stated that Dr Soekarno had accepted the main lines on the Dutch proposals of May 27 for the formation of a federal interim government for the whole of former Netherlands East Indies.

Dr Soekarno has also assumed responsibility for government while the Republican Cabinet is being reformed after Prime Minister Sjahrir's overnight resignation because he could not secure left wing support for his concessions to the Dutch during the recent negotiations.

As these points are also conceded in Dr Soekarno's reply it is now expected that Dr Sjahrir will return to the Premiership.

Left Wing Reversal
The President made these concessions after the left wing group had reversed its decision following the return here of the Indonesian delegate to the World Federation of Trade Unions meeting in Prague.

The delegate was believed to have persuaded them to drop their opposition.

The points for which Dr Sjahrir was unable to win left wing support earlier were his concessions on the position of the representative of the Dutch Government in the interim government and the methods by which the interim government would be set up.

Dr Soekarno's reply was reported late today to have already been telegraphed to Batavia, and a special emissary was taking another copy by special train, tonight.

Following are the main points of Dr Soekarno's reply:

Dr Soekarno says he is glad that agreement has been reached on the question of the interim government. The interim government will be set up as soon as possible and there are no objections to a Netherlands Kingdom representative having a seat in the interim government.

The first task of the interim government shall be to set up federal organs as mentioned in the Dutch proposal for a joint constitutional.

The Republican Government is prepared to co-operate in the federal internal safety. Such co-operation should be based on the responsibility for these problems of each part that will later join the Federation.

The Republican Government is anxious to take part in abolishing the demarcation lines and withdrawing troops to their barracks.

The Republican Government accepts in principle the Netherlands proposals for joint defence of Indonesia, which will be the task of the interim government.

Reduction Of Troops
Practical implementation of the Lingardjati Agreement can be greatly speeded up when from both sides steps are taken which may result in the return of an atmosphere of mutual confidence. Further reduction of the troops of both parties will especially be of great value.

The Republican Government thinks that with the acceptance of the Dutch proposals, the moment has come for all Indonesians to take part as a whole in world traffic (trade).

It is learned that after the rejection by the left wing parties of Dr Sjahrir's concessions the Chairman of the Dutch Labour Party, M. Kous Vorkink, appealed to them "in the name of Socialism" to prevent open warfare at all costs. The general impression was, he said, that the two nations were on the brink of a precipice.

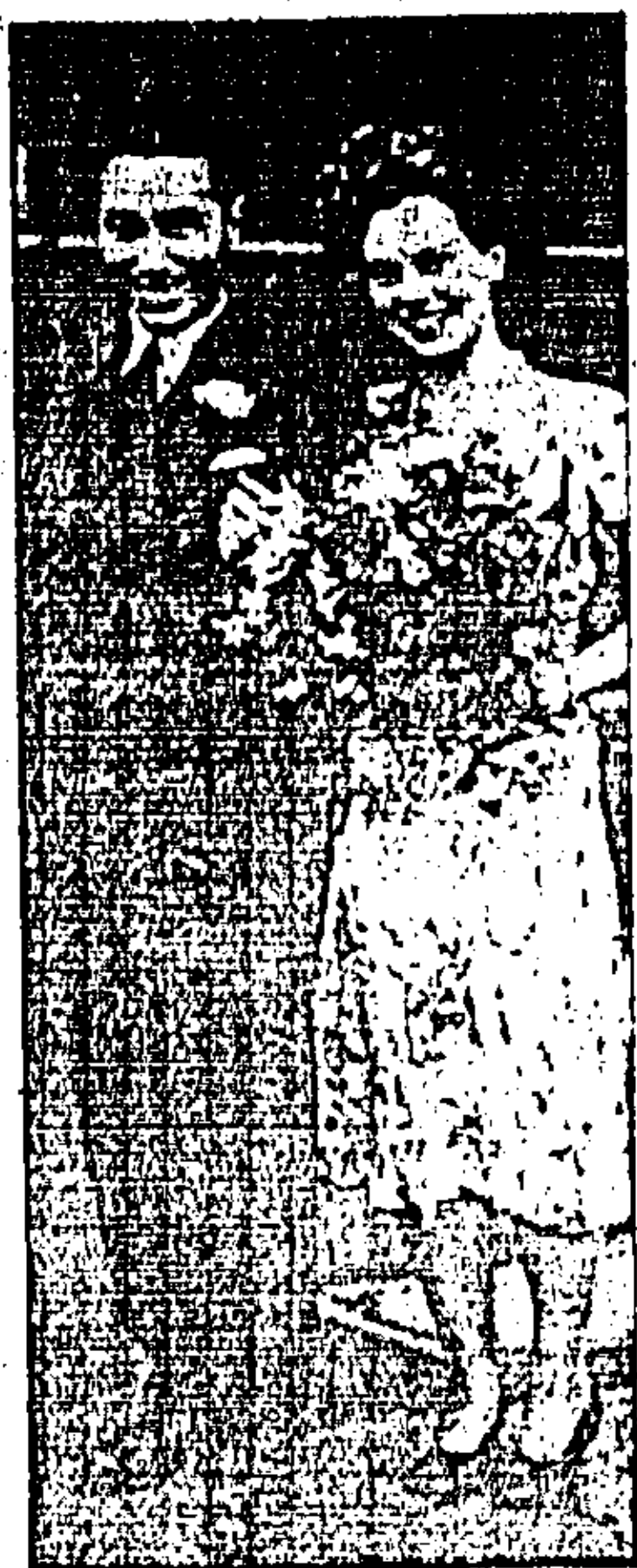
The Chinese newspaper in Batavia, the Sin Po, reported that all Chinese in Indonesian villages have been ordered to move to towns "in view of the critical situation" between the Dutch and the Indonesians.—Reuter.

Defence HQ Formed

Jogjakarta, June 27.
Indonesia today endorsed the creation of a "Headquarters of the People's Defence" to co-ordinate the fledgling Republic defence strategy for a war thought by many observers to be imminent.

All political parties and patriotic organisations are unified in agreement on the new organisation, which will be under the command of the Supreme Defence Council and the Indonesian National Army.

Sponsored by the army, the People's Defence Headquarters will be formed to prepare the public for



Mr Norman Mackay, formerly of Hongkong and a cricketer of note, and his bride, Miss Kay Chambers. They were married at Easter in England. Mr Mackay was interned in Shamsulpo Camp, and later sent to Japan.

MORE MINES SHUT DOWN IN AMERICA

Washington, June 27.

The Secretary of the Interior, Mr Julius Krug, said today that only one Congressional action could provide effective means of halting a national coal strike in July.

Mr Krug's authority to operate coal mines for the Government expires at midnight on Monday.

"This will be an opportunity to see what the Taft-Hartley labour act will do in a coal strike," he said, but doubted whether it would be effective.

Latest Government figures show 1,121 mines shut and daily production loss totalling 1,287,277 tons. The United Mine Workers' Union entire membership of 400,000 will go idle officially for 10 days starting Saturday. It now remains to be seen whether they will return to the pits at the expiration of the vacation on July 7.

Mr Krug warned that only a 32-day coal supply or 4,000,000 tons of coal, would be on hand by the end of June, with utilities holding an average of 45 days' supply.—United Press.

CIO Plans Action

Washington, June 27.

The president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, Philip Murray, announced that he would ask all leaders of organised labour to meet with him soon to formulate a "joint political action programme" to defend all members of Congress who voted to override President Truman's labour bill veto.

Murray pledged the CIO to "unswerving determination that the infamous law must be erased from the statute books." He added that CIO members would comply with its regulations.—United Press.

SEARCH FOR GELIGNITE THIEVES

Exeter, June 27.

Police mobilised in a wide-spread search today for three swarthy men, sought for the theft of 26 sticks of gelignite and 600 detonators from a Devon quarry.

A Devon police inspector said, "We are not discounting the possibility of Jewish terrorists having got the gelignite and detonators." Most London newspapers reported that the wanted men were of Jewish appearance. A second police theory was that the explosives might be intended to make possible a break from nearby Dartmoor prison, where extra precautionary measures have been taken.

The explosives disappeared last Tuesday. Police said that the three men were seen in a black car whose licence plates have since been found to have been falsified.—Associated Press.

JAPS HANGED IN RANGOON

Rangoon, June 27.

Three Japanese officers were hanged in Rangoon jail at dawn today for the murder of four Royal Air Force men whom they took prisoners in the Irrawaddy Delta area in 1945.

The Japanese were found guilty of having chopped off the heads of their victims after stripping and torturing them.

A number of other Japanese, who were tried with them, were sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment.

Hungarian Parliament In Stormy Session

Budapest, June 27.

A stormy scene, in which Government supporters shouted "Fascists" and "Friends of the Big Capitalists," took place in the Hungarian parliament today during the voting on a Government motion to rush through by a kind of guillotine procedure the bill authorising Hungary's three-year plan.

The Government obtained the two-thirds majority needed to class the bill as an urgent measure, and it is expected to be passed tomorrow.

Two members of the Hungarian Freedom Party (opposition) objected to the motion, saying that they had not even seen the three-year plan and such an important measure could not be dealt with so hastily. The plan has not been published yet and will not be debated in parliament.—Reuter.

European Federation

Vienna, June 27.

A Hungarian nobleman who fled into voluntary exile 10 days ago declared today that Communism had given No. 1 priority to the formation of a Central and Eastern European federation of nations.

Count Gula Dessewffy, Smallholder member of the Hungarian National Assembly, said the organisation would be similar to the old-proposed Danube federation but "would be essentially Communist-controlled." Rakosi's trip to Prague, Dessewffy asserted, was designed to lay the ground work for such a federation with the Czechoslovakian Communists.

The return of Michael Karolyi, President of Hungary's first Republic in 1919 to Budapest was yet another indication that the federation plan was about to be launched, Dessewffy said.

DOUBLE OR QUITS:

The answers

ENTERTAINMENT: 1, Laurence Olivier, 2, Eighteen, 3, "A Bell for Adano," 4, Sir C. Aubrey Smith, 5, Bing Crosby.

LUCKY DIP: 1, United Nations, 2, Special Committee on Palestine, 3, Authorisation by Gen. MacArthur of a Japanese whaling expedition to the Antarctic, 4, Colombia University, 4, Hindustan and Pakistan, 5, Foreign Office.

PLACES: 1, Karsbad, in Czechoslovakia, 2, Kampen, in eastern Holland, 3, Sinkiang, 4, Travancore and Hyderabad, 5, Selat Islands.

POETRY: 1, Korea, 2, Slam and Indo-China, 3, Christian Democracy Party, 4, The Taft-Hartley Labour Bill limiting trade union activity and banning "closed shop," 5, Hungary.

PEOPLE: 1, Henry A. Wallace, 2, King Gustav of Sweden, 3, Leader of the Igan Zion Leumi, Jewish terrorist organisation, 4, Benito Mussolini, 5, John W. Snyder.

SPORT: 1, Pearl River, 2, Liverpool, Manchester City, Doncaster Rovers, Cardiff City, 3, No. 7, 4, Ten Wickles, 5, A Belgian, His name: Flori Van Donck.

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On Monday, June 30, 1947, the General Post Office and the Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to Noon, and the other Branch Post Offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be the delivery of Ordinary and Registered correspondence at 10 a.m., and one collection from the Pill-boxes. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Saturday, June 28.
Canton (train) 1.30 p.m.
Siam and Ceylon (Sea) 3 p.m.
Straits and Malacca (Sea) 3 p.m.
Bombay, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool (Sea) 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 29.
Siam and Ceylon (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.
Siam and Ceylon (Sea) 5.30 p.m.
Canton, Kowloon, Shanghai, Peking, Kuning and Calcutta (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Japan, ordinary letters and cards only (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
Sunday, June 30.
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Air) 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 30.
Siam and Ceylon (Sea) 10 a.m.
Kongmoon, Macao, Shekki and Tainshan (Sea) 10 a.m.
Canton (train) 10 a.m.

Monday, June 30.
General Holiday.
Manila P.I. (Air) 10 a.m.

Saturn and Malacca (Sea) 9.30 a.m.
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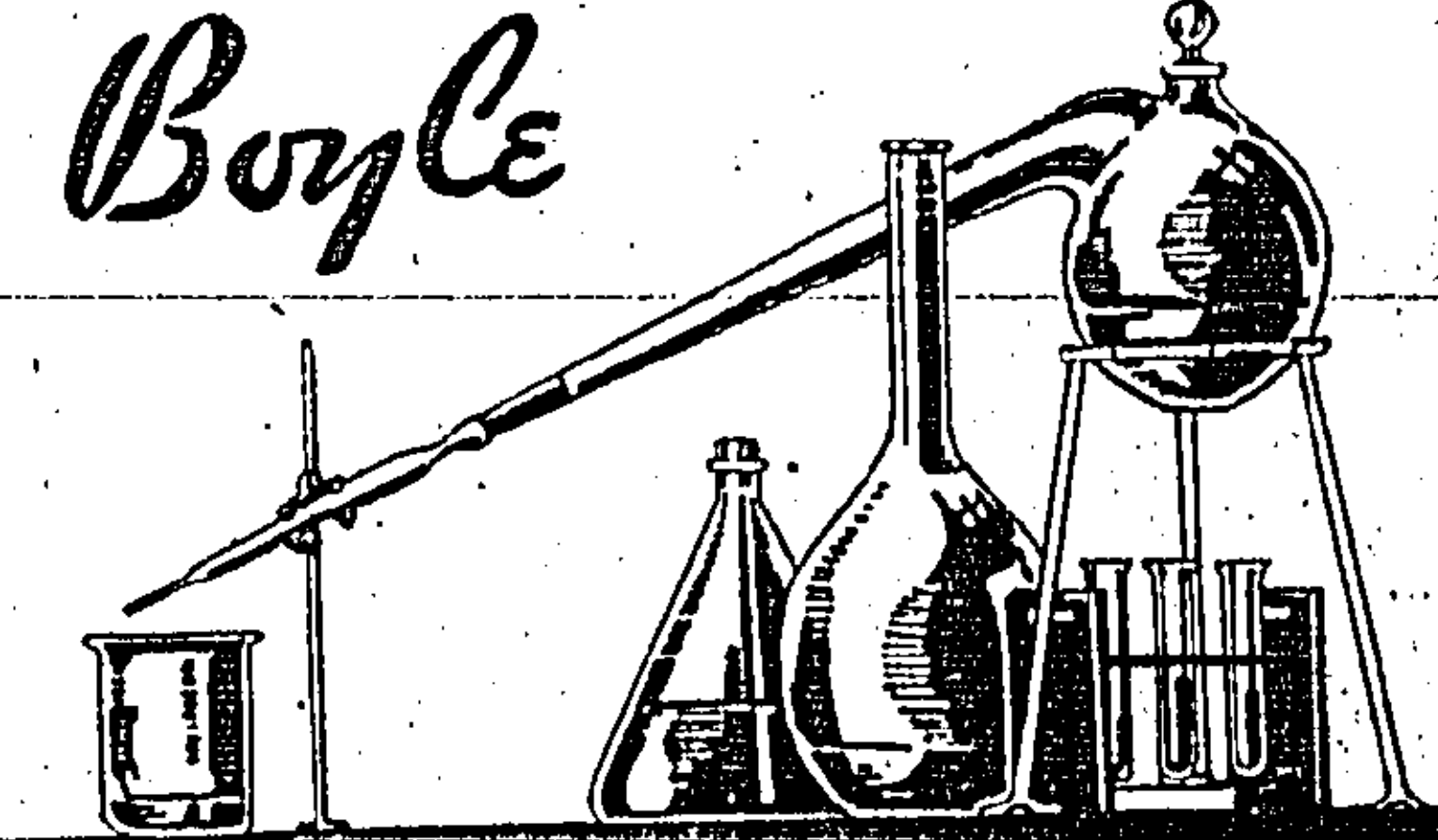
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